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On Behalf Of:	Staton Companies
Committee:	House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3971

Good Morning, esteemed members of the committee.

My name is Ron Richey, and I run Staton Companies which has been located in Goshen for over 30 years, where CleanLane is proposed to be supersited if HB 3971 passes. I am here to voice my strong opposition to this bill, representing not just my business but the overwhelming sentiment of our community.

I've personally spoken with 95% of the businesses in Goshen, and the message is clear: we do not want CleanLane here. Additionally, our community leaders have canvassed homes, and 100% of the families they reached oppose this project. That's not a small number—it's a unanimous rejection from those who live and work here.

CleanLane's operations would bring an estimated 39,344 to 73,770 truck trips annually up and down Highway 99, depending on truck sizes. This is a road already in poor condition, crumbling under current traffic. We've seen significant wrecks on this stretch—some tragic—and adding tens of thousands of heavy truck trips will only make it more dangerous for our workers, families, and visitors.

For the life of me I can't understand why the county did not put this facility at short mountain like the original plan. It would have made a lot more sense and Lane County wouldn't have needed this bill.

As a business owner, I rely on safe, reliable infrastructure to operate. This project threatens our safety, our roads, and our way of life in Goshen. I urge you to listen to our community and vote no on HB 3971. Thank you.

PS I was online during the hearing on 5/21 but was never called on.