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I am a 75 year old retired occupational therapist who has lived in Eugene since 1982. My family and I very aware that landfills are the third-largest source of human-generated methane, which I expect you know is a greenhouse gas 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Because one of the most effective ways to prevent these emissions is to sort out organic waste before it ends up in a landfill, my family has been conscientious recycle as the items accepted by our curbside garbage collector and bring plastics to community collector events. We also donate to St. Vinnie's and Habitat for Humanity resale store, as well as participate in our local "Buy Nothing" Facebook community.

My family and I have supported Clean Lane (sometimes referred to as a materials and energy recovery facility) since it was proposed in Lane County Commissioner meetings.

This type of recovery is necessary due to so few people taking advantage of the services my family uses to recycle and promote reuse. I see no other way to achieve sustainable management of solid waste throughout our beautiful state. In addition to preventing organic waste from ending up in the landfill, Clean Lane facility also sorts out hundreds of other materials that can be recycled or reused, instead of taking up valuable space in landfills.

As I understand it, HB 3971 clears a pathway for Lane County to develop the Clean Lane facilities, which is a practical away to solve the solid waste management throughout Oregon. Please pass this bill and do all you can to see it move to signature by the governor.