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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

I am sending this testimony in opposition to SB1036 which would remove certain surface mining permitting requirements as they apply to surface mining activities at a landfill. In my county, Yamhill, that would apply to Riverbend Landfill which is owned by the multi-national mega corporation of Waste Management. With the benefit of very little regulation, Riverbend Landfill has already degraded a large parcel of land that had excellent agricultural potential, caused leachate to seep into the Yamhill River, created noxious fumes that blanket an area with great tourist appeal, and adversely impacted neighboring farmers and other residents.

The surface mining permit requirement at least places some control and oversight on the destructive activities at this blighted site. I urge you not to exempt these exploitive owners from their responsibility to treat our land with respect. If other land owners must get permits for surface mining, why shouldn't landfill owners do the same?

Respectfully,

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