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Dear Salem City Council,

I respect the work that you do for the City of Salem and its community. Today I urge you to SUPPORT SB 1067. Now all Marion County solid waste must be managed by Marion County according to a law passed decades ago when the incinerator in Brooks was built. With closure of the incinerator, Salem should have the same opportunity to manage solid waste as cities in other Oregon counties. I implore you to SUPPORT SB 1067.

Today I urge you to SUPPORT SB 1067.

With gratitude,
Larry Sipe

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Mayor Hoy and Salem City Councilors,

Please accept this letter from the Marion County Board of Commissioners regarding SB 1067, which would allow cities to opt out of municipal waste flow control in Marion County.

Thank you for all the amazing work you do in our community.



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April 28, 2025

Salem City Council
555 Liberty St. SE
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Salem, OR 97301

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 1067

Dear Mayor Hoy and Members of the Salem City Council,

The Marion County Board of Commissioners respectfully submits this written testimony urging the City of Salem to formally oppose Senate Bill 1067.

Senate Bill 1067 would authorize individual cities within Marion County to control or direct the disposal, transfer, or material or energy recovery of solid waste generated within their boundaries. While the bill is framed as supporting local control, it would significantly undermine Marion County's integrated, regional solid waste management system, a system that has served our communities efficiently, sustainably, and affordably for decades.

Through countywide flow control, Marion County has been able to invest in essential public infrastructure, including our transfer stations. These investments have ensured financial stability, environmental protections, long-term planning, and strong public health outcomes. Centralized management allows Marion County to:

- Negotiate better rates and service terms through economies of scale,
- Meet stringent environmental regulations,
- Provide consistent community education and outreach programs like the Earthwise Business Network,
- Plan regionally for future recycling and material recovery initiatives, and
- Keep local revenues reinvested in our communities.

Fragmenting this system, as SB 1067 would do, threatens to:

- Increase costs for cities and residents,
- Create regulatory confusion and service inconsistency,
- Undermine environmental protections, and
- Weaken the financial stability of public waste infrastructure.

Importantly, to our knowledge, no city within Marion County, including Salem, has requested this legislative change. Salem already benefits significantly from Marion County's regional solid

waste management approach, and this bill could place unnecessary burdens and costs on city governments that are not currently responsible for managing these highly complex and regulated services independently.

In the coming years, maintaining unified, countywide solid waste management will be even more critical as we move toward expanded recycling efforts and regional innovation projects. Preserving a coordinated framework ensures that we can meet future challenges together, rather than creating fragmentation that risks the success of these vital initiatives.

For all these reasons, we strongly urge the Salem City Council to oppose Senate Bill 1067. Supporting a consistent, countywide system of solid waste management is in the best interests of the City of Salem, Marion County, and all our residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Danielle Bethell
Chair

Colm Willis
Commissioner

Kevin Cameron
Commissioner