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Dear House Committee on Energy and Environment,  
I am a physician, mother, and public health advocate urging you to reject House Bill 4049, which would give renewable credit eligibility to Oregon's only waste incinerator. Covanta Marion has been incinerating waste since 1987 and is Oregon's 19th largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions. This company doesn't deserve renewable energy credits! Covanta Marion was selected by the Cleaner Air Oregon program for priority inspection out of hundreds of facilities. It is the single largest polluter of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur oxides in Marion County and also emits dioxins, an incredibly harmful and persistent environmental contaminant.

We are in a climate crisis: lawmakers must not cast a vote that would divert funding for clean energy to a facility that is making climate change worse. Renewable energy credits are intended to support new, renewable energy. Even large hydroelectric dams do not qualify for these credits because they predate the creation of Oregon's 2007 renewable portfolio standard. There is no reason to believe that Covanta will close without state renewable energy credits. Communities in Marion County are organizing to reduce waste in Marion County and advocate for more responsible solutions without burning or dumping trash. In 2019, lawmakers who voted for this bill received a negative mark on their environmental scorecard from the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

Please oppose House Bill 4049 and preserve time in the short, 35-day legislative session for other important issues.

Thankyou,  
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