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Subject: Vote NO on HB 4049
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To All House Committee on Energy and Environment members:

I am a resident of Salem, OR in Marion County. I am writing to urge 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. They don't need or deserve renewable energy credits from the State of Oregon. 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 nothing renewable about burning trash!

Covanta Marion is Oregon's 19th largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions. It has been 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. Covanta also emits dioxins, an incredibly harmful and persistent environmental contaminants. The air quality in the Willamette Valley worsens every year. We cannot continue allowing these toxins and particulates to fill our air, our lungs, our waterways, our blood.

We are in a climate crisis! This is a crisis that must be addressed now. Lawmakers must not cast a vote that would divert funding for clean energy to a facility that is making climate change worse. The time is now to make decisions to preserve and repair. Prove your commitment to the wellbeing of all who live here over the profits of a non resident corporation.

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

Thank you for considering my concerns, and for voting NO on HB 4049.

Sincerely,

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