

**From:** [Aileen Kaye](#)  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Yes on HB 4049  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:07:32 PM

---

Dear Chair Power and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am in favor of HB 4049 which will keep the Covanta burn plant in Marion County running. It will establish eligibility for renewable energy certificates.

I do not want a new landfill and I don't want our current landfills overloaded. I have seen no reports of cancer clusters or lung problems in the areas near the burn plant. I like the fact that trash is burned instead of ending up in the bodies of animals, rivers, streams, etc.

I am also concerned that the Marion County department that educates people about recycling will be defunded if Covanta has to close.

Some opponents feel we can do without this burn plant by establishing zero waste. To me, this will take years to achieve, especially when we have lost much of our market for recyclable materials.

I urge a "yes" vote on HB 4049.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aileen Kaye  
Turner, OR