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Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment.

My name is Ray Quisenberry, and I'm a 32 year resident of Oregon, most of those years in Salem. I strongly support SB 488. I had no idea until recently that Covanta Marion burned so much medical waste, and is in fact one of the largest medicinal waste incinerators in the country. I also didn't know that Covanta Marion is classified as a municipal waste incinerator, not a medical waste incinerator, even with such a high volume of medical waste in its waste stream.

I live in NE Salem, and it sure sounds like Covanta Marion is getting a sweetheart deal while I have to put up with the extra toxins they rain down on me and my neighbors. Considering also that they import more than half the medical waste from out of state, it looks like my neighbors and I have been designated a sacrifice zone for not only Oregon, but for some of our neighboring states. Nobody asked my permission. Nobody has offered to compensate me for the potential negative health impacts. Nobody even felt obligated to let me know! I guess nobody cared. Until now!

Pass SB 488! Care about the people of Salem! Put human health, and the health of all living things, above corporate profits! For the sake of the children that ride their bikes in my neighborhood, and the people that walk their dogs (and the dogs too) in front of my house, you need to pass this bill.

Thank you.