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As a retired physician with a MPH degree, I am writing in whole-hearted support of SB488. The Covanta Marion waste incinerator is known to be one of the top 20 polluting industries in Oregon. It's existence without sufficient emission limits is an environmental justice issue, as well as an invitation for it to become a dumping ground for medical waste.

Every incinerator should have strong emission regulations. None of us would want event that, in our own backyard. Toxins contribute to physical as well as severe mental health issues. And we are in an epidemic of it all. SB 488 will close the regulatory loophole in Oregon's air quality laws, and help move us forward with safer incineration practices in our state.