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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB488

Dear Legislators,

Covanta Marion started life in the late 80's as a waste-to-energy incineration facility burning municipal wastes from Marion county and producing a modest amount of electricity for PGE. That has changed dramatically over the years.

Now, wastes, including hazardous wastes, from throughout Oregon and many other states are burned there. And because disposal of hazardous medical wastes is the most profitable service Covanta Marion can offer, it's become the 4th largest medical waste incinerator in the country. But it's still regulated as a municipal waste incinerator.

Burning wastes generally produces some toxic compounds. Burning medical wastes produces many more of them and they are regulated much more stringently as a result.

Covanta Marion should be regulated as a medical waster incinerator because it is a very large medical waste incinerator.

Please pass SB 488.

Sincerely,  
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