

March 6, 2023

TO: Chair Sollman
Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

RE: SB 488

I am writing in support of SB 488.

This bill will require Covanta Marion to meet the federal air quality emission standards for hospital and medical waste incinerators.

This facility is currently operating under the standards intended to be applied to a municipal waste incinerator, and because of the waste Covanta has chosen to receive and burn, it can no longer be allowed to evade the more stringent limits that are applied to medical waste incinerators.

Oregon's mid-Willamette Valley should not be the dumping ground for toxic medical waste from other states and countries because this facility is operating under outdated requirements.

I urge you to please support and pass Senate Bill 488, and send it to the full Senate for consideration and adoption.

Sincerely,

Mark Yeager
Benton County Resident

c: Senator Gelsler Blouin
Speaker Rayfield