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**OREGON STATE SENATE/SENADO DEL ESTADO DE OREGON**

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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I would like to share one point of clarification regarding SB 488. The testimony from Commissioner Cameron and Mr. May from Marion County suggested this bill could impact Marion County's municipal solid waste system, in which Covanta is an important partner. While SB 488 would classify Covanta Marion as a medical waste incinerator if the facility accepts more than a specific amount of medical waste, this change in classification would have **no effect on Covanta Marion's ability to accept municipal waste**. No part of SB 488 prevents Covanta Marion from continuing to serve as a partner in Marion County's municipal solid waste system.

Thank you for your consideration. My office is available to answer any further questions about this bill.

Best regards,

*Deb Patterson*