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My name is Spence and I live in Salem near the very same river that Covanta has been polluting for the last 40 years and I am writing in support of SB 488A.

SB 488A is asking for a miniscule amount of money for a necessary project to test continuous air toxin emissions monitoring and reporting at the Covanta waste and incineration business.

Apparently, this incinerator has freely opened its doors to anyone wanting to dump their medical waste. For decades Covanta has pocketed payments to burn garbage from California, Washington, and even Canada.

We have given Covanta a free pass for far too long. The current process to test pollutants is a laughable audit of this business's operations. SB 488A will provide us data obtained by current and modern pollution monitoring technologies.

Those of us unfortunate enough to live near the incinerator are forced to suffer from the harm caused by the neglected oversight of this outdated and unregulated polluting business. Most of our dear neighbors live with unknown amounts of heavy metals, dioxins and acids resulting from the burning of medical and municipal waste.

It is crucial that we invest in SB 488A so that the DEQ can fulfill its duty to carry out the Cleaner Air Oregon regulations. I ask for your support of SB 488A.