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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Committee Members:

This bill should not be passed. The idea of exempting the 20th largest producer in the state from being accountable for the pollution while taxing other lesser polluters flies in the face of Oregon having a serious interest in reducing our carbon footprint.

While I do not have immediate access to the data, the pollutants released from burning plastics are significantly greater than allowing them to degrade in a landfill, and the release is not spread out over time allowing carbon capture to work.

Given the concern voiced about reducing coal use to reduce the carbon footprint in this state, allowing this polluter to be allowed to collect REC's or be exempted from any Cap and Trade legislation (SB 2020) is ridiculous.

Garbage incinerators are more polluting than coal plants. According to the Energy Justice Network, "To make the same amount of energy as a coal power plant, trash incinerators release 28 times as much dioxin than coal, 2.5 times as much carbon dioxide (CO₂), twice as much carbon monoxide, three times as much nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 6-14 times as much mercury nearly six times as much lead and 70% more sulfur dioxides."

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