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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council has strong concerns about SB 451.

Last October, the world's leading scientists issued a report stating the world needs to significantly cut greenhouse gas (GhG) emissions by 2030 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. In order to do that, nations, states, and cities must do everything in their power to reduce emissions, increase energy efficiency, ramp up renewables, and transition to zero-emissions transportation.

Unfortunately, SB 451 could take the state in the wrong direction by removing the 2011 registration deadline for pre-existing municipal solid waste (MSW) to qualify for REC generation. Doing this would mean that existing power—and power that emits anthropogenic GhGs—could displace new renewable energy generation at exactly the time when we need more GhG-free power.

Pre-existing MSW plants had an opportunity to register, but did not. New RPS targets were set with an understanding that the deadline has passed. Now is not the time to undermine Oregon's renewable energy targets.

We urge a no vote on SB 451.