



**Oregon State  
Building and Construction Trades Council**  
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VIA EMAIL

Chair Senator Michael Dembrow  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resource  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE, Room 347  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 451

Dear Chair Dembrow and Committee Members:

I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify today in support of SB 451.

I am the Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella organization representing over 40,000 construction workers in 27 local unions throughout Oregon that are highly skilled in a wide array of crafts. These men and women are an intricate part of Oregon's workforce, our region's economy, and future economic prosperity.

More than 30 members of one of our affiliate unions are employed by Covanta to run the Waste to Energy Facility in Brooks, Oregon. This statutory clarification is needed so that we may continue to do the work we are doing, which provides above-average wages, full union benefits, family health care and retirement benefits.

The ability to use RECs will allow us to continue to operate at highest standards and maintain the family-wage jobs of our members.

I urge you to vote yes in support of this important bill.

Respectfully,

Robert Camarillo  
Executive Secretary