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**Subject:** Please reject HB 4049--NO to Covanta Marion Waste incineration subsidy  
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Dear Legislative Members of House Committee on Energy and Environment:  
Greetings!

My name is Maxine Fookson, and I am a Registered Nurse. I live in Portland. I am writing to you to urge you to **oppose** the subsidy request, HB 4049, to allow the state to give renewable energy credits to Covanta Incinerator. I oppose this bill, and urge you to do the same, for many reasons:

- As a health professional, I am very concerned about the environment health impacts of Covana. This incinerator plant is one of the top twenty greenhouse gas emitters in OR. We are all well aware of the short and long-term consequences of greenhouse gases on the climate emergency we now face.
- As a health practitioner, I am particularly concerned about the nature of the pollutants that this plant spews into our environment-- Covanta is the single largest polluter of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur oxides in Marion County. It also emits dioxins, an incredibly harmful and persistent environmental contaminant.
- Subsidizing a plant such as Covanta is so antithetical with the goals that Oregonians hold--to reduce greenhouse emissions, to support and achieve more renewable and clean energy sources.
- If we care about the State we hand down to our children, grandchildren and future generations, then subsidizing a major state polluter is totally the wrong way to go.

Let's focus on subsidizing those projects that are truly renewable and responsible-- such as how to reduce waste and avoid dumping and burning with innovative solutions that exist! This is where Oregonians want our money and initiatives to go.

Sincerely,  
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