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Oregon House Committee on Energy and Environment members -

My name is Sarah Rohrs. I live in Salem, Oregon. I am writing to urge you to reject HB 4049 which would divert clean energy funds to assist the aging Covanta Marion Inc. waste incinerator.

Please reject this bill and any attempts to use clean energy subsidies to support burning trash at Oregon's only waste incinerator.

Covanta Marion has been burning waste since 1987. It is one of the state's top polluters, a significant single source of greenhouse gas emissions. As Oregon and the rest of the country faces climate change I urge you to not provide funding for clean energy to a facility that is contributing to global warming and our climate crisis.

Covanta sends a steady stream of pollutants into the air, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides and toxic dioxins. Cleaner Air Oregon selected Covanta Marion for priority inspection out of numerous facilities in Oregon.

I am greatly concerned about the misuse of renewable energy credits called for in this bill. These credits should go to support new renewable energy. Law makers should not believe that Covanta will close without state renewable energy credits.

Marion County communities hard at work to reduce waste, and advocate for more responsible solutions than burning or dumping trash. Please lend your support of these efforts by rejecting this bill.

I urge you to please oppose House Bill 4049.

Thank you,

Sarah Rohrs