

From: [Nancy Ward](#)
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Chair Power and members of the Committee,

The Oregon Community Rights Networks is a state organization with six active chapters in rural western Oregon counties. We are aware of the problems faced by our communities regarding protection of our air, water and the natural environment when corporate interests have us in their crosshairs. The usual outcome is, they win and we suffer.

To offer tax credits to Covanta for solid waste incineration is to literally step back in time, putting old technology at work for the benefit of a corporation over the quality of life for people in the community.

We are aware Covanta is a generous donor to public officials. We are also aware that, under the guise of needing these tax credits, Covanta is working to increase their own bottom line at the expense of the people. We know, and hope you do too, that incineration does not qualify as an environmentally friendly, renewable energy.

That anyone would consider wasting tax credits on this unqualified project is something we hope you already understand. We ask you to support healthy Oregon communities by not moving this bill forward.

Thank you,

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