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My name is Meg Hummon, and I'm a resident of South Salem. I'm 82, and do most of my errands by bicycle. Today it's not raining, so I don't even need to say, "There is no bad weather for bicycling, just poor clothing choices."

I've been recycling all my life, and keep learning and figuring out ways to use less and put less in my garbage can.

I'm grateful to have lived in a place and time that, at least for some of us, is a Goldilocks zone. Not too hot, not too cold, not too wet, not too dry. But that is changing all around us, and we hear daily reports of fires, droughts, floods, melting ice caps, sea level rise, and species loss. We need to do everything we can to slow and reverse these trends, and I support efforts to reduce fossil fuel use and develop renewable alternatives.

I do not support HB 4049, which would make the Covanta waste-to-energy incinerator in Marion County eligible for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). This makes no sense. RECs are supposed to be incentives for new, clean, renewable energy. The incinerator is neither new nor clean nor renewable. Furthermore, the incinerator is a major polluter, putting all kinds of green house gases and toxins into the air. I urge rejection of HB 4049.

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