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My name is Tom Stibolt. I live in Portland and I am strongly urging you to reject House Bill 4049, which would give renewable credit eligibility to Oregon's only waste incinerator. As you likely know, Covanta Marion has been incinerating waste since 1987. It puzzles me that anyone would believe that they somehow deserve renewable energy credits from the State of Oregon.

Covanta Marion is Oregon's 19th single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. We are in a climate crisis: lawmakers must not cast a vote that would divert funding for clean energy to a facility that is making climate change worse!

Covanta Marion 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.

Renewable energy credits are intended to support **new**, renewable energy. Even large hydroelectric dams do not qualify for these credits because they predate the creation of Oregon's 2007 renewable portfolio standard.

It is totally unlikely that Covanta will close without state renewable energy credits. Communities in Marion County working hard to reduce waste in Marion County and advocate for more responsible solutions beyond burning or dumping trash.

Please oppose House Bill 4049 and preserve critical time in the short, 35-day legislative session for important issues.

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