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Measure: SB488

SB488 is a common sense bill that will bring Covanta under Federal Air Pollution standards for incinerators burning medical waste. Covanta has been burning medical waste under emission standards for municipal waste incinerators which are much less stringent than the requirements for medical waste incinerators. Medical waste incineration is much more toxic than municipal waste due to the large amounts of pharmaceuticals, plastics and heavy metals like mercury. All these contaminants lead to higher levels of toxic air emissions which end up in our air, soil and water. Now is the time to regulate Covanta for what it is a medical waste incineration company. SB488 simply puts Covanta under Federal Air Pollution standards. I strongly support SB488.