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Measure: SB488

SB488 is a way to reduce the amount of pollution visited on our community by Covanta. Covanta has long been allowed to "go its own way" in its operations, with little oversight. That has allowed the company to discharge toxins that are dangerous especially to those who live in the area.

The federal government has limited the emissions allowed for hospital, medical or infectious waste incinerators. Covanta burns more medical waste than the federal government allows for such incinerators, yet is allowed to exceed these emission limits, simply because it is classified as a municipal waste facility.

Does Oregon want to allow more pollution than the federal government, or do we want to be a leader?