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Oregon Farm Bureau Testimony HB 4049
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of HB 4049. By way of background, the Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is the state's largest agricultural trade association, representing nearly 7,000 farm and ranch families across the state.

OFB is supportive of HB 4049 because it will allow for the continued success of Oregon's Covanta Marion EfW facility, which is a leader in solid waste recovery in the United States and has prevented the expansion of landfills onto prime farmland in Marion County. Landfills can cause the conversion of important agricultural lands and reduce the land available to meet our growing needs for locally produced food and fiber. HB 4049 would allow for Covanta's innovative and comprehensive waste management system to remain viable, which will ultimately reduce Oregon's dependence on landfills.

Therefore, OFB is supportive of HB 4049 and urge you to move it forward. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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