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Chair Power, Vice Chair Bonham and members of the Committee,
My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Salem, in Marion County. I urge you to vote No on HB 4049 which would make the Covanta/Marion waste-to-energy incinerator eligible for Renewable Energy Certification (RECs). RECs are intended as incentives for new, clean, renewable energy. The incinerator is neither new nor clean nor renewable.

The Covanta incinerator is the largest single point source of greenhouse gas emissions in Marion County and 19th largest in Oregon. We cannot keep relying on energy sources like the incinerator that contribute to the climate crisis. We need move forward to producing more renewable energy. That's what RECs are for, they are not intended for dirty energy.

In addition to greenhouse gas emissions, the incinerator emits toxins including heavy metals and dioxin. It also emits the smallest particulates which can penetrate the lungs and bloodstream increasing asthma and other respiratory conditions and cardiovascular disease.

Recent research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that increased mortality and harmful health impacts are associated with levels even below what is considered safe by the EPA.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2755672> The incinerator has been identified as one of the facilities to be evaluated for health impacts of emissions under the Cleaner Air Oregon program.

Please vote No on HB 4049. Don't Greenwash Trash.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
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