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Subject: re: HB 4049
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Dear Representatives of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

I was in attendance at the hearing today (02-06-20) but did not speak. My observation from observing this hearing is that there

seemed to be some confusion by some house members as to the relevance of testimony in regards to the intent of HB 4049.

The testimony of some opponents of HB 4049 was criticized as not being relevant and also being critical of the Covanta waste-to-

energy facility, in general. At the same time, proponents of HB 4049 were not criticized even though some of their testimony had

no relevance to the bill (especially that of the police representative).

The commentary of opponents was relevant as the 'critical' testimony expressed why providing 'renewable energy certificates'

(RECs) to Covanta was inappropriate (especially the comment about the Covanta facility being the number one producer of harmful

greenhouse gases in Marion County and the 19th largest producer of greenhouse gases in the state of Oregon (not to forget all the

residual, long-term heavy metals and toxins that are emitted by the Covanta facility...such as mercury, cadmium, dioxin, et al). A

facility such as this should not qualify for 'renewable energy certificates'...particularly when comprehensive regional testing of these

toxins is not performed.

'Renewable energy certificates' should be preserved for the development of qualifying renewable power sources that minimize

greenhouse gas and toxin generation (clean energy) and facilitate the resolution of the risks of climate change. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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