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My name is Robert Wheatcroft and I (along with my wife, Christine Wheatcroft) live at 7755 NE Logsdon Road, which is about 3.5 miles SSE of the Coffin Butte trash dump at an elevation of 525 feet above sea level. We have lived at this address for 24 years.

I am submitting this testimony in response to two others already in the Board of Commissioners Reconsideration record, as relates to the DEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice: Janet Ohmann's testimony (Record ID: BOC4\_T0780)  
Faye Yoshihara's testimony (Record ID: BOC4\_T0778)

Unfortunately, the dump smell, which is unmistakable, has become an ever-increasing problem at our house. I cannot provide exact dates and times when we smell the dump, but I can unequivocally state that it now occurs multiple times a month – perhaps weekly. It seems to be most common in the winter when winds are light. The dump smell negatively impacts the quality of our lives! At times, it is bad enough that we cannot be outside. On several instances, my wife, who has a much better sense of smell than me, has been woken up in the middle of the night smelling the dump! That is not right. As mentioned above, the dump odor has increased in recent years. Republic Services has demonstrated repeatedly that they do not play by the rules. Why do you think that would change in the future?

We urge you to reconsider your approval of the dump expansion!

Respectfully,

Robert & Christine Wheatcroft

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