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Dear Board of Commissioners,

I truly appreciate your decision to reconsider your erroneous decision to approve the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill and allow for more public testimony. Even though it should already be clear that the public is overwhelmingly against this expansion and deeply alarmed by the corporate overreach of Republic Services and their apparent undue influence on the board of commissioners.

My name is Malcolm Anderson and I live at 23054 Old Peak Rd. Philomath, OR 97370

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)

I am a certified arborist that works all over Benton County and am always amazed at how far and wide the stench of the landfill permeates, especially during periods of air stagnation like we have been experiencing more and more of recently. While there are far too many examples of the being affected by Coffin Butte's smell to list I will try to provide a couple recent ones. On January 21st we worked north of town on NW Appaloosa Drive off of Mountain View, mabe 5-6 miles South of the landfill. On the 21st the smell was especially strong and multiple people on the crew commented on it. We worked all day there, i spent most of the day in the tree and by the time I got down I had a headache (something I rarely ever get) and my sinuses felt raw. I could only attribute this to the toxic smell emanating from the landfill which we all know to well. Other people on the crew shared this same experience so I know it wasn't just me.

On another recent occasion I had to go to coffin butte to dispose of some elm wood contaminated with dutch elm disease as is required by regulations even though they don't seem to take any special precautions with it like I believe they should. While up top I found the smell so overpowering it was difficult to breathe and found myself getting a headache again. I asked one of the republic service attendants if it was something you get used to and after initially saying he had, he did go on to complain about regular headaches and nausea that he started experiencing after working at the landfill. He said he was afraid to complain about it though for fear of his job. I thought that speaks to the influence and corrupt power that Republic

Service wields and how the board is letting that power and money negatively affect the citizens of Benton County. Thank you for re-considering your approval of an expansion of the landfill when they can't even manage the toxic gases they are currently admitting, not just my opinion but that of DEQ as well. If you can't stand up and protect us, what are you even here for and why have we been going through this theater for years now?

Thank you,
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