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Attn: Benton County Board of Commissioners

Re: Landfill Expansion Proposal Testimony

Dear Commissioners Wyse, Shepherd, and Malone:

I hope this letter finds you all well. My name is Lesley Tonna, and I live at 4820 NW Crescent Valley Drive. 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. I am writing to you as a very concerned member of the Lewisburg/Corvallis community, just a handful of miles away from Coffin Butte landfill. Please, please sustain the decision to deny Republic Services their expansion request. The smell is horrendous, and it drifts over in our direction at least once or twice a week. We have lived here for over seven years now, and this stench from the landfill has been a consistent experience and a quite bothersome one to our health (I have difficulty breathing in polluted air and have suffered chest tightness and pain from it).

Any expansion of this sort would affect every facet of our community: the general health of residents, as well as the surrounding wetland species that call this are their home; housing, our local economy in general and tourism, property values, air quality, even the agricultural sector that would have to endure the dirty air while they worked. We have for the last 7 years of living on our 23 acres in Lewisburg, been committed to stewarding our land which is nestled in a riparian zone between Frazier and Jackson Creeks, and thus home to dozens of species of wild animals. I speak for them in a fervent voice to protect the ecosystem which we share and thus protect the health and survival of future generations of all flora and fauna.

Please, please do not grant an expansion to this already toxic site, and in doing so, save our beautiful county from harmful chemicals and denigration from additional waste. The health of our natural environment and residents of all species is invaluable; no amount of money or fancy persuasion can replace it once it is gone. Please help us to preserve and steward our home, a place that we are all so very lucky in which to live precisely for its diverse flora and fauna, clean air and natural beauty.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Lesley Tonna