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Dear Benton County Commissioners:

My name is Tracy Ann Robinson. I reside at 3262 NW Van Buren Avenue in Corvallis. I am submitting this letter in response to testimony already in the Board of Commissioners Reconsideration record, as it relates to the 6 Nov 2025 ODEQ PEN:

[Faye Yoshihara: "Mapping Odor and Cancer" \(Record ID BOC4_T0778\)](#)

I am the 12:50 red dot on Ms. Yoshihara's odor map. On 13 January 2026, I reported an "odor encounter" to both the ODEQ and CBL. Here is the report narrative:

Drove out to an entrance to the OSU MacDonald Forest just south of the intersection of 99 and Tampico, to go for a hike. When I got out of the car there was a distinctive, unpleasant smell in the air, as characterized above [i.e., "Landfill gas - acrid, chemical-sweet, garbage-y"]. Did not want to hike in it, so decided to go to a different trailhead (Lewisburg Saddle) that was farther from the Coffin Butte landfill, hoping the air quality would be better there. En route, I stopped at (1) the 99-Tampico Rd intersection and (2) the Soap Creek Schoolhouse on Soap Creek Rd, and the odor was even stronger at both of those locations. When I reached the Lewisburg Saddle on Sulphur Springs Road, however, the strong odor was gone.

I live in downtown Corvallis, near OSU. Thus, in situations like these I have the privileged option of leaving the stench behind: all that's required of me is to modify my hiking destination and/or return to my odor-free residence. However, on behalf of those whose homes are much closer to the landfill and on "Dump Days" CANNOT leave the stench behind—and whose quality of life and health are being seriously compromised by uncontrolled landfill gases as well as by other dump-operation-related impacts—I am outraged by Republic Services' denial of responsibility for these impacts... indeed, by their minimalization of the very existence of these impacts...even as the company seeks to expand its operations here.

I don't need to replicate the whole of Ms. Yoshihara's testimony here, but this excerpt from it bears repeating:

The Oregon DEQ's PEN reinforces the reality of Republic Services' woefully inadequate odor monitoring and total lack of a plan to mitigate public health harms. We know harmful substances leave the landfill and are in the air we breathe. We see the high levels of cancers in our neighborhood. Expanding Coffin Butte Landfill seriously threatens the livability on and uses of adjacent properties [Benton County Code 53.215 (1)], seriously impacts the character of the area [Benton County Code 53.215 (1)], and imposes an undue burden on first responders, and health professionals and services, and the health of the county's

residents and neighboring residents. [Benton County Code 53.215 (2)]

This is deadly serious stuff that NO ONE in Benton County, or anywhere else, should be subjected to.

Please reverse your 4 Nov. 2025 decision and deny the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion.

Sincerely,
Tracy Ann Robinson