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To: Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals

Subject: Testimony regarding odor from the landfill

Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Chaney and I live at 3120 NW Manzanita Pl, Corvallis, Oregon. 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 returned to live in Corvallis in 2008, and have been at the above address since 2010. I have memories of traveling north of Albany on Interstate 5 when I lived in Corvallis in the 1970's. At that time the Albany pulp mill was still operating. The smell was so overpowering we suffered for at least 5 minutes and had to air out the car as soon as we could after passing the plume of smelly air. After moving to Manzanita Pl in 2010, I started to occasionally smell a strong odor outside our house that was reminiscent of the pulp mill. I worked at LBCC in Albany from 2008 to 2013, and would sometimes get to work and experience that same strong smell. I was puzzled because I knew the pulp mill had been closed. I didn't know I was smelling the landfill. If I had, I would have curtailed my activities outside at LBCC, such as not going for walks during lunch breaks.

I've since learned that what I was smelling at the time, and still smell occasionally at my house and other places in town is from the landfill. When I go outside to do my gardening, if I smell it, I go back inside. I'm afraid of inhaling methane and other toxins.

During this past January 2026, I experienced the odor a number of times.

- During the week of January 12th, I noticed the odor outside on one of the days.
- January 16th, at about 9:00 am, as I drove north on NE Conser street to get to NE Conifer Street on my way to Interstate 5, my car filled with the strong odor that I now recognize as coming from the landfill. I was amazed at how strong it was, as I had my car on recirculating air. At that time, the fog was still very thick. As I drove on HW 20 towards Albany, the fog lessened after about 5 miles and after checking the outside air, I opened all the windows to air out my car.
- Friday, January 30th, I smelled the landfill odor at Osborn Aquatic Center at Circle Blvd and NW Highland Drive at 9:20 am. (Only the outdoor pool is open, so we all swim outside.) I wondered if I should swim or not, but I decided to go ahead because the pool is so far from the landfill and the odor wasn't really strong. It dissipated about 10 minutes later.
- A lifeguard at Osborn told me that the week of January 12th, she had smelled the

landfill at least 2 times, and one time in the evening.

The landfill odor impacts my life because if I smell it, I will stop gardening and go inside. I always wonder if a methane plume is coming along with the odor. I have smoke-induced asthma and I don't want it to get worse.

After reading many letters of testimony submitted during the first 7 days of testimony, my heart goes out to all who live near the landfill and who have more exposure to the stench and toxins in the air.

Please use your discretionary authority to reverse your decision and uphold your Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027.

Thank you
Sarah Chaney