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Written Testimony:

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Dear Commissioners:

I live next door to the Coffin Butte landfill and have experienced the smells and noise produced by such an operation for the last 40 years. The current management practices for the site cause me concern for my personal health as well as my immediate family and grandchildren. If the alternate path of using the remaining years of the current landfill to prepare for taking garbage out of the area by rail is not chosen and you end up approving an expansion, I would like to point out some issues that have my full attention.

Republic seems to ignore concerns of EPA air quality violations and does not acknowledge the odors when their neighbors complain of them. Of larger concern is just what damage the air itself will do to young and old lungs and of course, the environment. My complaint is not about having a landfill on the other side of my property line, but the lack of apparent corporate response to the obvious problems. The company seems to lack a willingness to engage the public in potential solutions and ignores the issues. Their resistance to actual self-monitoring of methane is typical of their behavior, a clear indication that they will only respond when they are forced. Their record in other locations is similar, with plenty of public complaints and no proactive action.

If you do end up approving an expansion, I sure hope you factor in enough incentives or conversely, consequences that encourage Republic to comply with regulations to start with, and also cause them to respond in more proactive way with other local landowners. At least create a way out if it becomes preferable to end the County's contract with Republic; they already have created a monopoly by current contracts with large users from outside Benton County, making it difficult for anyone else to offer an alternate solution.

It is not just my family that is at continual risk – anyone passing through the area gets a dose of the landfill. There is still time to work with other Oregon counties and create a long-term solution that benefits everyone, not just those in our county. Please make a stand that considers everyone's future and seek a different path than expansion.

Respectfully,

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