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My name is Nancy Yialouris and I live at 2717 Quince St NW in Albany OR, 97321. I have previously submitted testimony to the Benton County Planning Commissioners, and subsequently to the Benton Co. Board of Commissioners regarding the pervasive and noxious odor generated by the Coffin Butte Landfill.

I am submitting this testimony in response to two others currently in the Board of Commissioners Reconsideration record which are also about odor, as relates to the DEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice:

Janet Ohmann's testimony ([BC04_T0780 - Jan 27, 2026 - OHMANN Janet](#))
Faye Yoshihara's testimony ([BC04_T0778 - Jan 27, 2026 - YOSHIHARA Faye](#))

I have submitted complaints this month that have resulted in responses from Paul D Koster II, the Environmental Manager at the landfill. The most recent response was on January 26, 2025, when he (or someone from the odor patrol) photographed my house to prove he was at this location, about 3 hours after I had submitted my complaint. The response stated "*The odors I detected were wood smoke and a strong ocean smell coupled with what seemed like fresh fish.*" On prior occasions, the odor patrol has detected a "wood smoke smell" and "chemicals, but not dump smells."

On that particular day, the stench was so strong I could smell it in the house just after dawn, with the windows closed. I had to go to Dallas OR that morning and left sometime after 11:30 AM. Following my business there, I went out to Basket Slough, a wetland reserve on the north side of Dallas and while I was there, I could smell the same stench that pervaded our neighborhood that morning, though it wasn't quite as strong. Still, I was astounded that the winds could carry that odor so far north.

I have smelled the same strong odor at the Samaritan Medical Complex on Elks Dr. in Corvallis, the Periwinkle Shopping Center on Highway 20 in Albany OR, 6th and Washington Streets in Albany, the Fred Meyer Store in Albany, Mitge Rd, Adair Village and in downtown Corvallis on occasion.

There is a phenomena called "olfactory satiation" that happens when a person is exposed to a strong odor but then can no longer detect it. The TV commercials refer to it as being "nose dead" to a smell. The odors that Mr. Koster (or the odor patrol person) smelled here, described as "chemical" or "strong ocean smell coupled with dead fish" comes from the landfill. It is *an ocean of refuse* and it can't be good for the neighbors who go for a morning run, the children who play outside in our neighborhood, or the rest of us who just want to enjoy being outside in our yards, let alone being in the house with windows closed and awakened by the stench.

This is an ongoing and frequent occurrence in our area. Any time there is a stagnant air alert

or an inversion we smell the dump. The violations DEQ has documented in their report seem to go back to 2022. In all that time, why hasn't Valley Landfill/Republic Services mitigated at least some of these violations? I hope serious consideration will be given to the concerns of ordinary citizens like myself and the vote to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill will be rescinded and denied.

Thank you for your consideration,

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