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Subject of Testimony: Please deny the landfill expansion

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Written Testimony:

I urge the Board of Commissioners to uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous decision and to reject Republic Service's appeal to expand Coffin Butte Landfill.

Problems with the current site and the administration and monitoring of the landfill are described in detail in the previous hearing process before the appeal of the Commission's decision. Corvallis has many very smart people who studied the problems and concluded that expanding the existing landfill was not a viable answer.

My perspective on the landfill is that the current landfill location is not a good use of this land, which was a legacy from WWII dumping from nearby Camp Adair. The landfill is already an eyesore and a source of strong obnoxious odors in an otherwise beautiful area. Expanding the dump makes it so much worse. The landfill stinks, pollutes land, air, water, wildlife and humans. There are other options to create a better functioning landfill in another location after this location is full.

From the east, the landfill looms large in the countryside from Highways 99 and the Independence Highway. The land to the east of the landfill is a recreation area for photographers, boaters, hikers, cyclists, hunters, and people who fish. Just four miles from the steaming mountain of garbage that is the Coffin Butte Landfill, the Willamette River flows through the Luckiamute Landing State Natural Area, where it joins the South Santiam River and Luckiamute rivers. Garbage from the landfill is strewn along the roads out there where I see the dump from miles away. The hiking trails are popular, and are being connected to make an even more extensive trail. This is an invaluable place to enjoy nature and to get some exercise, as well as watch the sunset, just out of sight of the dump four miles away. This beautiful area so close to Corvallis, Adair, and Albany has many better uses than as a toxic dump.

Thank you.

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