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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioners, Several months ago I submitted written testimony to the Benton County Planning Commission regarding denying this proposal. To summarize those written comments: 1. The science is clear—Coffin Butte is polluting ground water and the aquifer immediately underneath it, it is releasing significant quantities of methane into our air, and the toxins that have been buried in the past will continue to plague this area for the foreseeable future. 2. The landfill, by accepting garbage from many Oregon counties, is filling up faster than initially predicted. 3. The odors emanating from the landfill are adversely affecting scores of Benton County families on a regular basis. 4. The diesel motor powered transport of much of the garbage creates yet more pollution burdening all residents in the area. 5. The trash along US 99 approaching Coffin Butte is an ongoing problem. 6. Neither the county nor the state are capable of consistently monitoring nor enforcing the existing contract agreements with Republic Services. That seems unlikely to change. For those reason alone (and others have offered many more) the Coffin Butte Landfill must not be granted an expansion of the landfill.

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