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To: Benton County Commissioners
From: Roberta Hall of Benton County

In 1974, my husband Don Hall, our two children Nancy and Alice, and I moved to Benton County where Don had taken a staff position on the daily newspaper. In 1966 to 1970, Don had worked for The Capital Journal in Salem; one of his jobs was as their county reporter. He followed very closely as they struggled to improve their dump; at that time it was transitioning to becoming a sanitary landfill.

When we moved to Corvallis we bought 5 acres on Soap Creek, just a couple miles from what became the controversial dump. In 1990 we moved into a home on Moss Rock Drive. However we left that home 7 years later when Don was working at a job that required him to do most of the editorial work on line. Living in the country was not as pleasant as it had been initially. At that time (1997) the land-fill, or the dump, was still relatively small. However, over the years it grew to serve mainly people from outside our county and it steadily became something that did not serve the county well. We gradually became aware of the movement against expansion of the dump. I wrote a letter about our experience and our attitude toward the dump; that went to the county board that eventually ruled that the dump should not expand.

Along with that group were members of three political parties (the Greens, the Republicans and the Democrats) plus the League of Women Voters as well as most or all of the local groups that work to defend our environment. Surely, the fact that the dump now serves largely (90%+more) people who do NOT live in Benton County must say something about what it is and what it does. It is a money-making resource for the company that owns it; and it does not serve our people in a way that it should. I urge you to uphold the decision rendered about its expansion, and join those who oppose the dump. Thank you for reading!