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Greetings Honorable Commissioners!

My name is Joanna Nuccio-Stockslager. I am a resident of North Albany.

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. I believe it poses serious risks to both our environment and our community's long-term well-being.

One of the most troubling concerns is the issue of leachate — the contaminated liquid that drains from landfills. This toxic mixture can carry dioxin, heavy metals, industrial solvents and PFAS. PFAS, often referred to as “forever chemicals,” which have been linked to numerous health risks, including cancer and immune system disorders.

Once these chemicals enter our groundwater or rivers, they are incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to remove. They are called forever chemicals because it can take years for the body to excrete them. Our water treatment plants cannot filter them, and even new EPA standards would cover only a handful of the thousands of PFAS compounds in existence.

As a caregiver to a loved one facing the effects of a chronic illness, I have witnessed firsthand how diseases linked to environmental toxins can devastate individuals and families. I worry that increasing the amount of waste being dumped in Coffin Butte will only add to the burden of such preventable health issues in our community.

Furthermore, this expansion would mean that Coffin Butte becomes the dumping ground for garbage from communities across Oregon. This isn't just a local waste issue — it's a regional burden being placed disproportionately on us. Our residents should not have to deal with the environmental and infrastructure impacts of other cities' trash.

We have a responsibility to safeguard our water, our air, and our people. Expanding this landfill ignores those responsibilities and compounds the harm. I urge you to protect public health and reject this expansion.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanna Nuccio-Stockslager, MPA