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Dear Commissioners Wyse, Malone, and Shepherd,
Please see my attached letter of opposition to the landfill expansion.

Sincerely,

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I strongly oppose the approval of LU-24-027. In 1994 my husband and I moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Corvallis and settled in a house in the Trillium neighborhood off of Tampico Road. Part of the reason we chose Corvallis was that it seemed like a community that valued natural areas and the environment with many green spaces to enjoy the outdoors. We biked and hiked in nearby Dunn Forest, Peavy Arboretum and EE Wilson. Years later when we had children, they too would join us for walks and bike rides at these local natural areas. Every once in a while we could smell the landfill from our house which was about a mile away, but back then the landfill was much smaller. In 2008, 2 years before we moved into town to be closer to our children's activities, Republic Services took over the landfill. They promised to be good neighbors, but unfortunately have not lived up to their promises. There have been several methane leaks many of which have far exceeded EPA guidelines. Also, every year millions of gallons of leachate containing heavy metals, carcinogenic industrial solvents and PFAS (aka "forever chemicals") are trucked over to water treatment facilities in Corvallis and Salem, diluted, and then dumped in the Willamette River. The landfill is only partially lined, so leachate is mostly likely leaking into the groundwater affecting the health of nearby EE Wilson as well as the integrity of well water in the area. The community's health and well-being are at risk, not to mention landowners' property values. And this is without expansion! How can we trust Republic Services to be able to handle the expansion of the landfill when they can't even safely manage it now? Expanding the landfill is in violation of BCC 53.215(1) and BCC 53.215(2). Please consider the health, well-being and future of our community and oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.