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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Opposition to Re application file number LU-24-027

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Written Testimony:

I am a Corvallis resident declaring STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

There are many reasons this expansion makes no sense, but I will focus on one: the negative environmental impacts on the surrounding community. The combined population of the Albany-Corvallis metropolitan area is 230,000, and will continue to grow. If a new landfill were to be proposed today on the Coffin Butte site, in one of the most congested areas in Oregon, it would be immediately rejected, and for obvious reasons:

- the immediate impacts of odors, and the noise and traffic impact of numerous large trucks in the area, as well as the garbage spilled regularly on the roads by these trucks. I frequently encounter foul odors as I pass Coffin Butte. I have witnessed Republic Services trucks with garbage falling out on the way to the landfill.
- The very real concerns about future impacts from leachates, microplastics, toxic chemicals such as lead, arsenic, cobalt, and copper, and greenhouse gases, particularly methane. My family and I enjoy many recreational opportunities available in the Willamette Valley and the Willamette River. This proposed expansion would negatively impact all of these options.
- Republic Services has a very poor record, both in Benton County and in other sites that they manage, including Sylmar, CA of maintaining their sites and in responding to and correcting violations.

There are many potential sites that are in less wet climates with far lower population density. Any of these would be better at providing this necessary service while dramatically decreasing the impact on surrounding communities.

The proposed use violates Benton County Codes 53.215 (1) and (2) and Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5. It is for this reason that the Planning Commission unanimously denied this proposed expansion. I strongly urge the Board of Commissioners to affirm the decision of the Planning Commission and deny this proposal.

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