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Many citizens brought testimony before the Planning Commission to make a strong case against expansion of the landfill. The members of this Commission considered the facts and the laws and made a reasoned decision. After Republic Services was denied their goal of expanding to serve a widening area, they have spent funds from the collection fees of Benton County citizens to hire a public relations consultant. Republic's goal is to bypass the facts and the laws and persuade uninformed members of the public that the dump is somehow "Strong and Clean." This is Republic's only hope of convincing you, our elected officials, to overlook the factual record already considered.

I live in Corvallis and \ hike in McDonald Forest, Dunn Forest and EO Wilson wildlife area. I see the trucks, the trash, and smell the emissions. I travel up 99W regularly and have often noted how the roadside trash is heavy and getting worse. This is a profit making outfit without concern for our environmental health. If the facts presented aren't enough, get out there and take a look at the dump and its surroundings (without letting them know you're coming!) You will see why Benton County needs you to stand against the irresponsible expansion of Coffin Butte landfill.

Sincerely, Kathy Newman