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To: Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals

Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony

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Subject of Testimony: We oppose the coffin butte expansion

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Written Testimony:

We've lived and worked in Benton County for over 30 years, my husband works for OSU Extension office as a faculty member, and I work as an educator at Linn Benton Community College. We are concerned with the way that Coffin Butte has managed their operation all along, and are now very opposed to giving them the authorization to expand their operation. The dump is part of our visual environment, and something that acts as a landmark to our beautiful city of Corvallis. It's always been an eye sore, and with an expansion, I think it would be a brutal entrance from the north into our city center.

Since Coffin Butte has not followed through with some of the regulatory changes they've been asked to make, and because they continue to distract and disguise their non-compliance, I feel that the environmental impacts they make on our community will only magnify a great deal. If they can't manage their current operation without violating many environmental rules and regulations, then how can you possibly trust them to do so in the future, while running a much larger operation?

Another topic that impacts all of us, I know that Coffin Butte is under investigation from the EPA and DEQ, that they've repeatedly received violation notices, and they've had leaks of methane gas for years, so I don't understand why you would entrust them to open even more potentially poorly managed projects in the future.

I also understand that Benton County pays a higher price for Republic services, when compared with other counties, and I don't buy that they would charge even more if the expansion is not allowed. They can't be trusted to keep our community safe from environmental threats.

I'm particularly worried about the young families that live in Adair Village, that is one of our most budget friendly communities, so it attracts younger families with young children. Children exposed to poorly managed landfills are more likely than the general population to develop some lifelong diseases.

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