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On Fri, Oct 10, 2025 at 9:56 AM Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals
<landfillappeals@bentoncountyor.gov> wrote:

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Dear Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

I am opposed to any expansion of Coffin Butte. See attached testimony

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To Commissioners Wise, Malone, and Wyse,

My name is Tim Stewart. I live at 643 NW 12th St, Corvallis 97330. I am submitting this testimony to let you know why you should DENY the landfill expansion. I am writing as a resident of Corvallis, who has owned my house for 49 years. I care about Corvallis deeply, raised my family here, and after teaching for 24 years in Albany, retired here where i am active in the Community. Even though we live in the center of town, between OSU and CHS, we can still smell the odors coming from the landfill, if there is a strong east wind. I would like to keep my community environmentally safe for my grandchildren and all future generations who choose to live here.

I strongly urge you to UPHOLD the Planning Commission's UNANIMOUS denial of Republic Services appeal. After 20 hours of video and 5000 pages of testimony, the Planning Commission decided the appeal does not meet current lands guidelines.

The expansion is basically putting profit over our health. Republic Services needs the business to grow at any cost. Already 3.8 metric tons of plumes leak out every hour, going whichever way the wind blows. Coffin Butte is exceptionally dirty. it does 6x more damage than if we trucked our garbage to Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, which is what Portland decided to do. Our landfill does 6x more environmental damage than the Arlington Site. The annual climate damage is already huge here. An expansion would make the image 40 x worse. EPA is already doing a full blown investigation of the clean air act. And who knows what damage is being caused by the Leachate and the forever chemicals being emitted. An expansion would mean the Leachate would go up 60 million gallons a year. Our water treatment plant is not built to handle even the amount created now.

The landfill in its current footprint, will last us 14 more years. And denying an appeal does not mean Republic Services can raise our rates just because they want to. That gives the County time to look into much safer and environmentally sound options. We could come up with something

similar to the Lane County sorting facility or the Salem Transfer Station. Or put into use a transfer station at the Millersburg site.

There are too many unanswered questions about this expansion. That is why so many organizations and citizens oppose it, including League of Women Voters, Benton County Democrats AND Republicans, Benton County Soil and Water District. An expansion means loss of property tax due to reduced property values. As well, local businesses are affected by the odor, the litter that flies off of the endless daily stream of trucks to the dump, the unsightly plastic mountain that would just grow larger. We already pay the highest garbage rates of surrounding counties and we host the dump. With the expansion, the rate of garbage dumped would be unlimited. We would lose all control.

Please Say no. Its time for a change, as indicated by the Planning Commission's vehement denial. Say no to give our county a chance for a better future.

Thank you for considering my reasons for a DENIAL.

Tim Stewart