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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: No expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill

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Written Testimony:

Dear Benton County Officials,

I live in North Albany. Please don't support the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. There have been instances of leachate from the landfill leaking into groundwater nearby the landfill, ruining people's water. The odors from the landfill are very strong, particularly in the fall and winter. I don't think they are benign like Republic claims. There are Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), and sulfides, not to mention heavy metals that get emitted into the air from the landfill. I've been in McDonald Forest before when terrible smells overwhelm the forest. It makes one's nose hurt.

Also, Republic is claiming it's a local company. That's not true. It's headquartered in Arizona and is one of the biggest waste companies in the country. Republic just wants to expand the landfill so it can take in even more waste. But it already takes in too much waste. I've heard it takes around 33 percent of all waste in Oregon. Why should Coffin Butte take in any garbage from the Portland area or even Marion County? It should only take waste from Benton, Linn, Lincoln, and Polk counties.

Please don't support the expansion. Even if Republic makes threats, it shouldn't get its way. The Mid-Valley can make arrangements with another waste provider in the near future. The Columbia Ridge Landfill seems like it was planned much better than Coffin Butte. Republic just doesn't want waste to go there because it doesn't own this landfill. Our freight train system is very efficient in the United States. I'm sure it can handle getting waste to the Columbia Ridge Landfill someday soon.

It is in the best interests of the residents of Benton County that this landfill not expand!

Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,
Nathan Looney

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