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Testimony from Laura Hansen, 6780 NW Mountain View Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330

I am very opposed to the Coffin Butte expansion LU-24-027. I have lived in north Corvallis for much of the past 45 years. My two children grew up here. I enjoy outdoor activities and I want our community to stand for sound environmental policies. I don't want my health or the health of my friends to be threatened by continuing unsafe practices at the landfill.

This letter concerns the character of the area. Relevant county policies include BENTON COUNTY CODE 53.215 (1) SERIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA. In addition, Benton County's Thriving Community Initiative specifies that we should maintain a high quality environment, livable communities, and be mindful of equity and health in all policies, practices and operations. Finally, the Benton County Development Code 30.010 says that we should "conserve and protect agriculture."

Historically the landfill was never meant to grow to dominate a whole valley or pollute the air and water in that area. Personally I have often noticed the foul odor as I drive by along Highway 99W or close to Adair—it is hard to ignore! I have heard a longtime resident of Adair complain that her children can't go outside on days with a strong odor. This may sound "anecdotal," but with hundreds of these types of complaints, it's significant. Adair is an area that is growing partly because the housing is more affordable. The ongoing poor management of the air pollution by Republic Waste shows a lack of consideration for families living in the area, and puts an unfair burden on those neighborhoods.

There are many small farms on Tampico Road, and in the Soap Creek area, and north of Coffin Butte. Farmers must be concerned about well water, pollution effects on livestock and crops, and loss of work time due to noxious odors.

Regarding water—the problem is that it is hard to measure the amount of contamination. Once it is easy to detect it will have already caused a lot of harm. A more obvious threat to health is the release of inadequately-treated leachate into the Willamette River, which is the water source for Adair Village, not to mention other downriver communities.

Having lived here for a long time, I am shocked at the change in the size of the landfill. It dominates the view of the valley from miles away. The traffic on Highway 99W has increased with trucks arriving from all over the state. Trucks are spilling litter onto the highway. There are long lines at the dump. Do we really want north Benton County to be known as that place where the public allowed the landfill to grow into a giant hill collecting unlimited garbage from around the state? A place that is noxious to be around and a danger to public health? This is not who we are! We care about where we live! Thank you for your attention.