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Hello,

The expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill must be stopped due to its significant harm to both the environment and our community. It is very clear that the current landfill has not been adequately maintained and that members of our community are already suffering from exposures to forever chemicals and other potentially harmful chemicals in our air and very likely our ground water. Many of these effects will not show up until people start dying from cancer many years later, but we know already that Republic Services is not fulfilling it's obligation to keep us safe from fires, holes in the tarps, leachate, and the list goes on and on. This landfill already pollutes air and water, violating environmental regulations and ruining many otherwise beautiful days in the area with the stench of unimaginable amounts of refuse. Expanding it would exacerbate these issues, creating long-term public health and financial liabilities for generations.

Our small community in Benton County should not bear the burden of managing one-third of Western Oregon's garbage, especially at a site that would never be approved for a new landfill today due to its unsuitable location. The frequent "dump days," marked by unbearable odors, disrupt residents' quality of life, and Republic Services' inadequate management fails to mitigate these risks and many others, such as wild fire.

Stopping the expansion is critical to force a shift away from landfiling, the least sustainable disposal method, and toward better waste management solutions. We urge the Board of Commissioners to uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of the expansion application and protect our community from becoming a "forever" landfill.

Please do the responsible thing and don't be persuaded by dishonest and unethical tactics used to make Republic Services wealthy while innocent people and creatures suffer.

Thank you,

Christina Clark