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Written Testimony:

Board of Commissioners,

I appreciate the opportunity to again submit written testimony regarding Coffin Butte. It feels a bit like "David and Goliath" in that the citizens of Benton County are facing a powerful business with excessive financial resources situated in a state far from us.

I am writing regarding my deep concern about our beloved Willamette River, source of much recreational pleasure as well as an important drinking water resource. Because the conventional Corvallis water treatment plant cannot process the Coffin Butte leachate effectively, millions of gallons of diluted leachate enter the Willamette River and that is not okay.

As a personal comment, I resent the way in which Republic Services has hired outside public relation companies to give a voice to individuals who are not affected by Coffin Butte's smell, noise, pollution, etc. These one-sided information letters to the editor of our local newspaper are certainly part of the democratic process, but distasteful when facts are twisted.

Lastly, we are a city of many experienced knowledgeable scientists who can show us through their scientific research that the Coffin Butte expansion is totally unacceptable. We have had so much provided to us in the terms of science based, environmental, sustainable information as to why this expansion should not be allowed.

I am hoping that Goliath does not prevail and that the Republic corporate powers do not enrich themselves even more with increased revenue, primarily from non-Benton counties using our landfill site.

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