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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Written Testimony:

I live approximately 2.5 miles south of the proposed landfill expansion and have been a resident of Benton County for 13 years. I have an advanced degree and am well-versed in reading government and complex documents.

I object to LU-24-027 for reasons of obnoxious odor, litter pollution on the roads and neighboring properties, water-quality concerns caused by leachate and the dispersal of this leachate in the Willamette River, and a deep, deep concern for the future unknown long-term environmental liability issues caused by the long-term breakdown of the trash and the forever plastics in our water supply.

I read the staff report and the applicants rebuttal. It is clear that there has been a failure of oversight over many, many years and the fact that the "written record was incomplete so there was never any conclusive evidence to support or refute the fact the conditions were met" (page 1 – rebuttal) is a very convenient excuse by the applicant and staff for waving away any concerns and arguing for a blank slate. That people have not been doing their rightful jobs of oversight, is not a reason for approving this application.

In particular, both rebuttal and the staff report have not addressed the issue of water quality in the Willamette River and the downstream communities affected. Therefore, there reports are incomplete. The impact of the landfill does not end at the boundary walls.

ODOR

I am affected by odors on occasion. For example, on Saturday 18 October from 10:30am – 11:30am I was at the Benton County Aerodrome in Adair Village and the distinct odor of the landfill was present.

LITTER

I am also a cyclist and my one-hour training circuit takes me along Ryalls, Independence, Camp Adair, Coffin Butte, Tampico, and a short distance on 99. I observe litter alongside the roads leading towards the landfill – particularly along Independence Highway and Camp Adair road. The applicants rebuttal, did not address the increased street litter.

WATER QUALITY

My water supply comes from the Willamette River. The thought that treated leachate is dispersed into the river just a few miles from where the intake is for Adair Village, turns my stomach. The applicants rebuttal did not address the concerns regarding micro-particles from

persistent plastic pollution in the water supply. More scientific information that would address the concerns regarding the treatment of the leachate is needed.

DISMANTLING of FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

To approve this application at a time of dismantling of federal oversight is, quite frankly, unconscionable. The local and regional oversight has clearly not been enough as the applicant agrees ("written record was incomplete so there was never any conclusive evidence to support or refute the fact the conditions were met" – page 1 – rebuttal).

LOCAL VOICES COUNT

Finally, after reading the staff report, staff seem to wave away the very detailed, very concerned testimony of locals and the planning councillors who listened and questioned diligently for the extensive testimonial period.

There is time to come to a more robust decision for the future of trash in Oregon that involves a landfill in a drier place and building a recycling treatment center. This application is not the answer.

I trust that you will deny this appeal.

Best regards,
Julia Bradshaw

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