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Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners,

I am a resident of Benton County, having lived in here for 30 years off of Hwy 99 north of Corvallis. What attracted me to this location was the rural feel of the area with clean, green spaces – a perfect place to start and raise a family. However, over the past 5 or 10 years I have sadly found that initial attraction has degraded due to the increased traffic associated with the Coffin Butte landfill. The Republic and Knife River traffic have made the highway much less appealing due to the trash escaping these trucks. I also worry about the increased danger to bike riders I see out and about trying to enjoy the area, having to deal with increased traffic and debris in the road.

In addition to the things I can see in my daily life, I am aware that they have been dumping leachate from the Coffin Butte landfill into the Willamette River from the Corvallis water treatment plant. Toxins that the water treatment plant is not designed to remove have been released upstream from water intake locations for fellow Oregon residents. This is not acceptable for our citizens or the wildlife that lives in and around our beautiful Willamette River.

The proposal from Valley Landfill to expand Coffin Butte is a threat to our personal safety and ability to enjoy the area as it will further increase the amount of truck traffic and leachate production which can find its way to the Willamette River - a source for recreation and hydration. This expansion proposal is in direct opposition to the Benton County comprehensive plan policy BCC 53.215 (1) that states *"The proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone"* and BCC 53.215 (2) *"The proposed use does not impose an undue burden on any public improvements, facilities, utilities, or services available to the area"*.

Given that I live about 3 miles from Coffin Butte, I must mention that I am also concerned about my property value. If this expansion goes forward, there will be negative impacts to the character of this area as well as potential increased financial liabilities to Benton County and its residents. Therefore, I cannot urge you strongly enough to reject the expansion proposal for Coffin Butte landfill. Please prioritize the landowners, residents, visitors, and wildlife of Benton County.

Respectfully,



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Re: Landfill Expansion Opposition