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I am writing to oppose Republic Services' appeal of the 7-0 decision by the Planning Committee to reject Republic's request for permission to expand the landfill at Coffin Butte. This decision was reached after very lengthy study, evaluation of evidence, public testimony, and discussion of the issues by the Planning Committee over a very long period. The vote was not based on whimsy or ignorance, but on intense consideration of the issues. Though the right of appeal is an established part of the process, there would have to be an overwhelming quantity of new information to justify The Board of Commissioners second guessing the dedicated work of this committed group. I have not heard of any such new information, and cannot imagine any grounds on which you would consider overturning the decision of the Planning Committee.

I have lived in Corvallis for over 30 years, after having retired from the State University of New York. During those 30 years the landfill has gone from being a bothersome-necessary evil, to being a major factor in the degradation of the lifestyle and health of our part of the Willamette Valley. Air pollution, water pollution, visual pollution, stench are all gifts of the landfill that affect everyone in the Corvallis area. Remember the old joke we all told one another back in the days when we were fighting to eliminate smoking on commercial airlines? "Having a no smoking section on an airplane is like having a no peeing section in your swimming pool." This applies as well to our relationship with the landfill. The damage it does is not limited to "adjacent property, or the character of the area;" it knows no boundaries and has come to define our part of the valley.

Frankly, I am embarrassed by the questions posed by friends who arrive for the first time from the north via 99. "What is that shiney stinking mountain overrun with trucks and bulldozers which is the first indication we have reached Corvallis?" It is hard to maintain the impression that we are a vibrant intelligent community with a major science-oriented university when we continue to deal with trash disposal by dumping everything from electronics to soiled baby diapers in a pile on the ground, moving it around with bulldozers, covering it up with some plastic, and pretending that we have solved the problem. Out of sight, out of mind. And this will not change until we say "No More." No more expansion. No more contaminating our land, air, water and community. I urge you to reject Republic's request to rescind the Planning Committee's rejection of the expansion of the landfill