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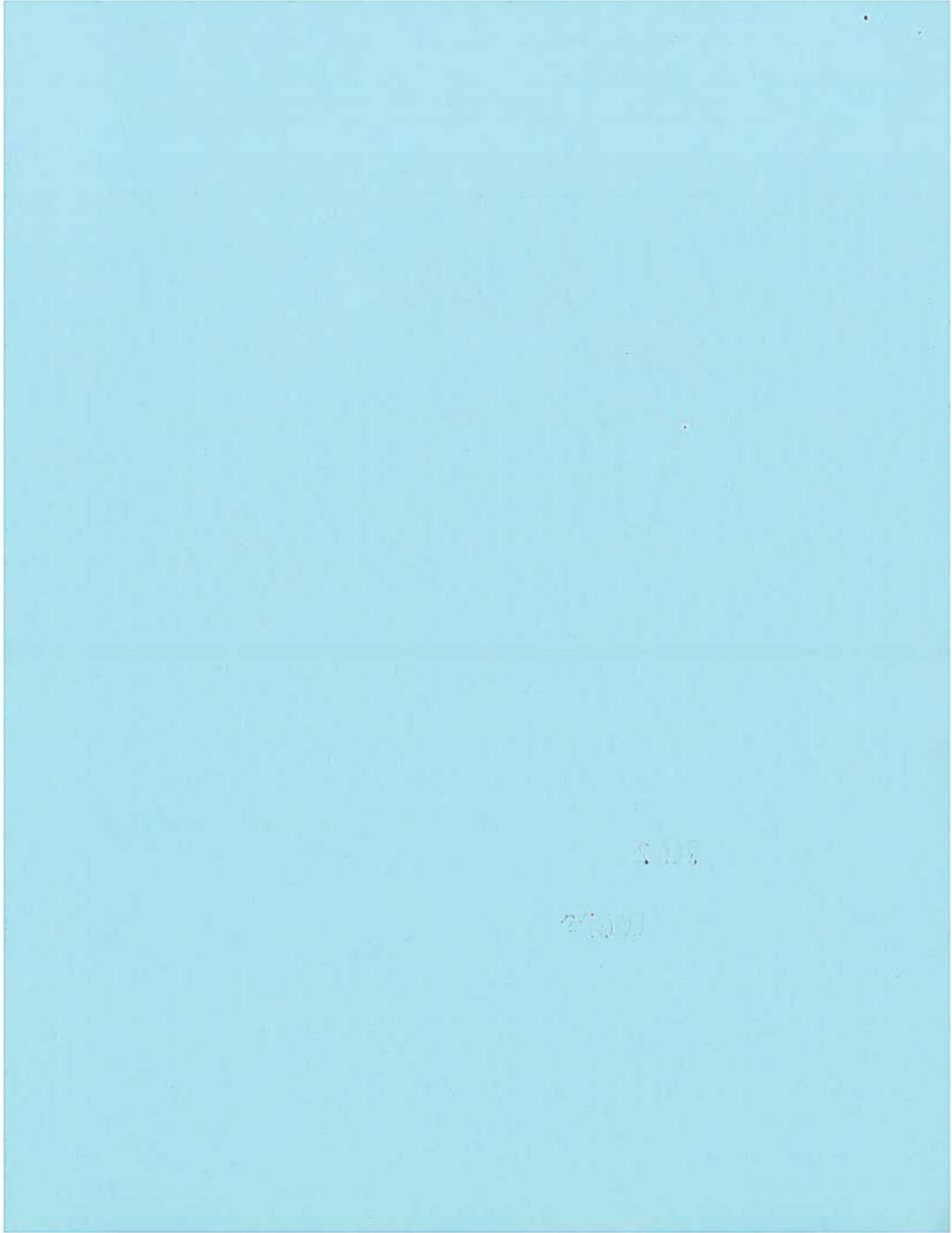
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I'm Keith Lembke - the royal opposition. I've lived at 39046 Trillium Lane, Corvallis, OR 97330 since 2003. It's 3/4 mile from Coffin Butte. I am the Chairman of the Benton County Republicans and speak for their consensus, I have a Doctorate in Public Administration and over forty years of experience in public service. I will discuss why we are against the expansion.

Hard to believe, but there has never been a public referendum on the regional landfill. Historical records of city council meetings indicate the lack of "significant" pushback to the expansions as unanimous consent.

That's not a fair assumption. *We are pushing back.*

The regional landfill paradigm started in 1974 with the Chemeketa Region Solid Waste Plan. The county

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residents consented to temporarily bring in five counties

of refuse in exchange for the other four counties

(waste)

collectively creating an advanced waste management

system. While waste delivery to Benton County

proceeded, the rest of the plan did not. ~~Since its~~

From 1974 to

its franchising in 1985, Coffin Butte has incrementally

evolved to receive waste from ~~20+~~ ^{5 to 20+} counties. Through

that entire evolution- not one county referendum. NOT

A SINGLE ONE.

So how do we know the ~~entire~~ cumulative interference of the entire community? That's the normal way a political technique to learn what the consensus of the community is.

~~I understand the theory of the tyranny of the majority,~~

~~but still~~ how can a representative government decide

what is best without at least considering the constituent's

consensus. Especially for something that will affect the

county for the next ~~several hundred years.~~ **You've seen**

hundred a more years. a more years.



the maps of the land Republic has already bought, it is obvious this is not the last intended expansion. IF it is too costly and "to big" to kill today - it's only going to be more big and more costly tomorrow. I MEAN WE just had the ~~NO KINGS~~ protest about this type of thing. *Kind of makes me think I should have gone to the No Kings Rally*

We have heard a lot of lawyers and politicians from other counties advocate for the rights and interests of the franchise and their taxpayers - impressive- but misses the entire point. IT is about US!!! ~~Even~~ while our county council ~~was~~ *staff* sure to tell us which of our concerns couldn't be considered, *like the actual agreement -* I DID NOT HEAR ONE word about OUR rights as the people who live here - and that's my point.

OUR rights. ~~I certainly hope elected representatives are~~ *you have*

*Do we have
any rights?
If not - tell us*

I don't know, perhaps our rights have been given away in the franchise agreement we can't talk about. I¹ so, just tell us.



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~~as our desires~~
~~still allowed to represent their constituents in this process.~~

If our own government -elected and unelected - ~~don't~~
doen't
advocate for us, who will?

Oregon Revised Statute 459 directs the ~~Department~~
DEQ
of ~~Environmental Quality~~ and the local County

Government protect the people's ~~interest~~
safety
by overseeing

and upholding the contractual and statutory obligations of
franchises regarding landfills. It gives them the power to
and gives them the tools and power to

cb 50. impose ~~the~~ penalties
conduct inspections, stipulate permit conditions, and

~~impose penalties to do so.~~ The record clearly shows they

they haven't, can't, and won't be technically capable of

fulfilling their statutory requirements. ~~They admittedly~~

~~depend on the franchise to police itself - they even use~~
applicant

~~the franchises' uncontested data points for their findings. I~~
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I must question the wisdom of recommending something
so profound as this, ^{while} knowing ^{we} ~~they~~ can't perform ^{creates the} ~~their~~
statutory requirements designed to protect US.

Experts, I love experts. All the official "experts" from
both sides tell us that the environmental concerns do not
rise to a **serious interference**. As a resident near the
landfill since 2003, I can honestly say my lying nose, ears,
and eyes have invalidated most, if not all, their narratives. ^{- even}

^{if the experts do come to a different conclusion}
~~- if honest, probably yours too.~~ I feel like the proverbial

domestic assault victim who, while laying in a hospital

bed with massive bruises and stitches, is told by the

official experts ^{sent to protect me} that in "their opinion" ~~they concur with the~~

~~accused abuser~~ ^{punches} that it really wasn't ~~assaults~~ ^{abuse} that made

the scars - but a series of unfortunate arguments.

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Based on "all" the testimony so far, we know the

landfill is an environmental concern with potential future

failures at best - a real threat at worst, and if not stopped

for the next ~~50~~ 1000 years for plastic.

today will be a threat for at least a century, but probably

longer. I mean it ONLY has had a couple of fires, gas

leaks, tears, etc in the last decade!!! How many is too

much - 1, 100, 10000? It is probably time to do the right

thing for the right reasons. I know with 20+ counties using

the landfill, ~~the state legislature and governor~~ won't be

happy - a much over-do modern advanced waste

management system is expensive. But maybe it's time we

do the obviously right thing for the right reasons and force

the state to do the same too.

