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Hello Chair Wyse and Commissioners, my name is Marcus Harris and I live at 37268 Moss Rock Rd. I am 11 years old, and I am here asking that you Deny Republic's request to expand our landfill. I moved to Adair Village when I was 9 months old. My younger sister was born a year later. When I was about 3.5, we moved to a house 4 miles south of Coffin Butte Landfill. A year later my younger brother was born. We have lived there since, and go to school in Adair Village.

I'm here today to talk about the Coffin Butte Landfill and how it affects our community. We do not know what is in the stink that the dump produces. I can smell it at my house some days, and sometimes at school. My mom will not let us play outside if it is stinky. But on school days when it is stinky, we have to play outside because there is not enough room inside for recess. I also play baseball for my school and want to play football next year, and we have to practice outside, which can increase the risk for the toxins to get in us and harm me and my teammates.

My siblings and I carry heavy water bottles to school each day. I would like to ask you what other testing has been done to make sure the drinking fountains at school are safe, so I don't have to always bring my own water. I know the water passes all the tests, but what about all of the garbage soup that might also be in it?

My sister and I got to speak to the House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment to ask them to pass stricter methane monitoring requirements

and we were able to get that law passed. It's frustrating that we had to miss school to go ask for that, when Republic could just choose to use better technology to test for and then fix their leaks. Those leaks could really harm the children and adults who live and go to school in the area around the landfill.

My sister and I want to be able to live in or near Adair Village and be in the fire department like our grandparents, great uncle, uncle, and dad have been. I hope this area stays safe enough for us to not have to move away.

Please ask Republic to go back "and clean up their room" like I have to, before you give them any more responsibilities. If they can't take care of their responsibilities now, why should they get more "toys", I know I don't. Thank you for your time today, please deny this application.