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Dear Commissioners Malone, Shepherd and Wyse,

I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. Please deny this application. I do not appreciate Republic Services engaging our community with misinformation regarding enlarging the landfill. They were already told "NO" by the county.

I moved with my family to Corvallis 6 years ago, falling in love with the abundance of nature all around us. Probably like you, I felt so lucky to be living among the generations-old trees and watch the rushing flow of the Willamette River. I thought I must've done something really good in a past life to have lucked into living in such a treasured spot on our planet.

But just in the few years I've lived here, there is such a profound difference in our experience living here. It literally stinks here on many mornings these days! It doesn't matter the season or if the sun is shining -- the air stinks to the point of our staying inside closing all the windows, and I live 10 miles from the landfill. As uncomfortable as it is smelling this stench, I know that the smell is just a symptom of the real causes that are harming our health. Those toxic plumes and poisons polluting our rivers and soil must be doing some invisible harm to our bodies. The stench is a nagging warning we need to heed.

Even our wineries are affected in that when Emerson was about to close on the sale of their winery, the buyer that day smelled the landfill stench. The buyers backed out of the sale. How many other property sales need to be adversely affected by the stench and other hidden poisonous implications of the landfill before we do something about it? Harming our environmental future, the future we share with children,

with our seniors, with our beloved neighbors and friends, with our wineries and local farms, with our birds and wildlife, is not worth a few extra dollars in the Benton County coffers.

The amount of testimonies or people in attendance at this hearing is just a fraction of the people in this county who oppose the landfill expansion.

Please, Commissioners Malone, Shepherd and Wyse, be the change you want to see in the healthy future of all the families, human and wildlife alike, and deny LU-24-027. Thank you for listening.

Thank you,
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