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I am and have been for years appalled about the amount of trash coming from outside our area to the Coffin Butte Landfill. I remember living in a rural community in Washington as a child. There were individual dumps all over. They stunk and attracted all kinds of bugs and rodents. I would imagine if the truth were known that many people died and/or contracted serious illnesses from their own garbage.

I don't live particularly close to the Landfill but I worry about the people that do. I know some have lived in the area for decades and have every right to complain about the loss of livability in their own homes. I'm sure the community of Adair and surrounding areas that have young families are worried sick about the health of their families.

The idea that a great deal of that garbage is coming from other communities is beyond comprehension to me. If Republic Services wants to run a landfill here, they should invest in the latest equipment available to destroy the garbage and clean up the surrounding atmosphere.

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