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Hello,

I am a resident of Benton County, having lived in North Albany for over 25 years on Scenic Drive. What attracted me to that location is the rural feel of the area with easy access to the Willamette River and lots of country roads for bicycling. I live an active lifestyle which has been significantly degraded by the recent activity at the Coffin Butte landfill. I used to regularly bicycle along Independence Highway and surrounding roads, but in the past 5-10 years the amount of truck traffic from Coffin Butte, specifically Republic Services and Knife River trucks, has made it so dangerous that I no longer bike in that area. There is also a large amount of debris along the highways (Independence and 99W) leading to the landfill which is unsightly and dangerous if in the bike lane. When I learned about the dumping of leachate from the Coffin Butte landfill into the Willamette from the Corvallis water treatment plant (which is not designed to treat toxic metals, PFAs, or other hazardous liquids), I worry about how much exposure my family has from paddling and wading in the Willamette River. The proposal from Valley Landfill to expand Coffin Butte is a threat to me and other residents in terms of personal safety and ability to enjoy the area as it will further increase the amount of truck traffic and leachate, as well as a threat to the wildlife that live in and along the Willamette River. This proposal is in direct opposition to the Benton County comprehensive plan policy BCC 53.215 (1) that states "The proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone" and BCC 53.215 (2) "The proposed use does not impose an undue burden on any public improvements, facilities, utilities, or services available to the area". Lastly I am concerned about my property value if this landfill expansion is allowed to proceed due to the impact to the character of the area and long-term financial liability to the county and its citizens. I strongly urge you to reject the expansion proposal for Coffin Butte landfill and support the rights of landowners in Benton County.

Regards,

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