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Subject: LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Feedback
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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

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Written Testimony:

Hello,

I am a resident of Benton County, having lived in North Albany for my entire life. 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. As someone who was diagnosed with Crohn's disease several years ago, I wonder how much damage has already been done. 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.

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