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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in North Albany for over 25 years. Over that time, the activities at Coffin Butte Landfill and Republic Services have steadily degraded my ability to enjoy where I live. The increased truck traffic on local roads such as Independence Highway and Highway 99W have made bicycling a terrifying and dangerous experience. There is also an increase in garbage along the roads. It is routine to see material flying out of the garbage truck on its way to Coffin Butte. Depending on the wind direction, large areas of roadways stink badly and make riding in those areas very unappealing. We should not expand this landfill and, in fact, should reduce the collection area to our county. We do not want to be Portland's dumping ground.

I am also concerned about the leachate from the Coffin Butte landfill. Although much of it goes to the Corvallis water treatment plant, that facility is not designed to treat toxic metals, PFAs, or other hazardous liquids. I worry about my family's exposure from paddling and wading in the Willamette River. I also believe it is detrimental to the wildlife that live in and along the Willamette River and particularly tributaries adjacent to Coffin Butte such as Soap Creek and its tributaries in the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area.

The proposal from Valley Landfill to expand Coffin Butte is a threat to me, other residents in the area, and wildlife that live in and along the Willamette River. It reduces our personal safety and ability to enjoy the area as it will further increase the amount of truck traffic, leachate, and odor. 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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