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I oppose the expansion of Coffin Butte.

**Approving the expansion of Coffin Butte does seriously interfere with the uses and character of the area** for me in two significant ways. The stench of toxic gases – harmful to my lungs – from the landfill keeps me from enjoying the EE Wilson Wildlife Area. The probability that a large Coffin Butte will inevitably result in ever larger volumes of toxic leachates, delivered from Coffin Butte to the Corvallis waste management plant and then released into the Willamette River, makes me consider never kayaking on the Willamette River again. Have Republic Services and Valley Landfill made actionable commitments to lessen their pollution of this river that serves so many local residents?

**Approving the expansion of Coffin Butte does seriously impose an undue burden on public services** for me in considering how the Corvallis waste management plant will deal with the inevitable increase in toxic leachates from Coffin Butte – and how much the increased cost of that will turn up on my City waste water monthly bill! I drive on route 99W only to access Peavy Arboretum but never to travel north because of the (to me, frightening) already large volume of trucks coming and going from the landfill. Will that volume increase with an expansion of Coffin Butte?

With our federal government currently causing ongoing angst for us all, my hope is that you, our local community agents, will make a decision benefitting all the people who live here.

Sincerely,

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