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Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill. As a concerned resident of Corvallis, I believe that this expansion would have significant negative impacts on our community, environment, and the health of future generations.

First and foremost, expanding the landfill would exacerbate the already substantial environmental challenges we face, including the potential for groundwater contamination from toxic leachate, the release of harmful methane gases, and the destruction of local wildlife habitats, as well as increased roadside litter. These long-term environmental risks are unacceptable, especially for those families that rely on well water as their only means to clean water in their homes. Coffin Butte should NOT be the landfill for the majority of the state.

Additionally, the expansion would place an undue burden on the quality of life for nearby residents. The increased truck traffic, noise, and odor associated with landfill operations would make our community less livable and decrease property values in the surrounding area. These impacts are particularly concerning given that the health of our local population, especially vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly, could be adversely affected by exposure to air and water pollution. As someone who used to live in California, I can attest that HWY 99W now looks as trashy as California. The roadside trash is far worse than when my job transferred me here 10 years ago. We should be ashamed for allowing this to happen.

Rather than increasing the capacity of the landfill, I urge local officials and stakeholders to consider alternatives that prioritize sustainability, reduce waste, and protect our environment. Oregon prides itself on being green and yet California's recycling program through Waste Management runs circles around the limited recycling from Republic Services. The recycling program here is abysmal. That said, Republic Services cannot recycle themselves out of the fact Coffin Butte receives a majority of the state's trash.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the landfill expansion proposal and instead explore more sustainable options that align with our community's values and long-term well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully weigh the potential consequences of this decision and prioritize the health and safety of our community.

Regards,

Ann Spediacci