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Also, the impact of the inevitable increased delivery of the toxic leachate (noted above) from Coffin Butte on our Corvallis water treatment plant could be significant. How will it impact my own Corvallis City bill for wastewater treatment as well as the bill for organizations helping our poor and unhoused citizens?

Finally, I'd like to add that, with our federal government's current administration causing such ongoing angst for us all, my hope is that you, our local community agents, will make a decision to give us hope for the future, a future that supports the Core Values of a Thriving Community.

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Greetings,

I am writing to oppose the approval of the application to expand Coffin Butte.

As a resident of Corvallis, I honor Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative's Core Values. The County website lists these Values as (1) Vibrant livable communities, (2) High quality environment and access, (3) Community resilience, (4) Equity and health, and (5) Supportive people and resources.

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Approving the expansion of Coffin Butte does seriously interfere with the uses and character of the area and thus violates Values (2) and (4) above and BCC 53.215(1).

First, I can longer expect to enjoy walking in the EE Wilson Wildlife Area because of the probable stench each day from the toxic landfill gases. These gases affect not only the respiratory and cardiovascular systems of humans and native wildlife but also have deleterious impacts on insects (and the birds that feed on the insects).

Second, I enjoy kayaking and canoeing on the Willamette River. Benton County's Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5 is already being violated regarding the leachate of toxic materials from Coffin Butte that end up in the river. In their plans for an expansion of the landfill, have Republic Services and Valley Landfill made any actionable commitments to lessen their pollution of "my" river?

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