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Written Testimony:

I'm adding my voice to those of people with a history in the area who have seen the shocking conditions at the Coffin Butte landfill. I've lived in Corvallis for over fifty years. In the early years we took trips to Airlie to buy small trees for planting. As our children grew, we spent many Sundays at Wilson Wildlife Refuge, hiking and biking and picking apples for applesauce. We passed the Coffin Butte landfill, I guess, but it was just a local rural feature, a place locals sometimes took things that wouldn't fit in the trash can. "Going to the Landfill" was the name of a catchy song written by a local songwriter, celebrating the rural fun of going to the "dump." There was no smell associated, and the size was unremarkable.

For some reason, it was twenty years before we made a trip on 99W again in around 2015. I was shocked at the sheer size of the trash mountains there, as well as the stench. The road on both sides was littered with trash.

Although BCC 53.6.4.4 states that "Benton County shall provide for the safe, efficient, and sanitary storage, collection, and disposal of solid waste," there was so much more waste than before. I did a little research and discovered that most of the trash is brought in from other large communities throughout the state. The BCC does not indicate (BCC 53.5.8) that Benton County "shall assure safe, accessible, and environmentally sound disposal of solid waste" at the Coffin Butte Regional Sanitary Landfill" for communities outside the Benton County region.

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