



Hello, I am Ken Kupperman, and my wife is Pei Kupperman. We live at 2101 NW Christopher Place in Corvallis and also have a farm approximately 5 miles northwest of the Coffin Butte Landfill on Sauerkraut Road, off of Airlie Road. We could not be more in opposition to any expansion of the landfill, in fact we would like to see the current operation with Republic transition to termination as soon as is possible. Why, because Republic's operation at Coffin Butte is polluting our environment, potentially a major environmental disaster waiting to happen, and it is creating an ever expanding financial burden for its future cleanup. At our farm we have be affected by toxic fumes on an ever increasing number of days and severity, to the extent we can't work outside during those events. We know from the experience of the 2020 wildfires that its related smoke taint caused loss of marketable crops. Ever increasing emissions from the landfill are detrimental, but at what threshold? Zero emissions should be required. One of our major concern is the potential for a catastrophic landfill fire. Each year in US there are over 8,000 landfill fires, it is common; it can happen. If we have a fire at the landfill, will we have a Chernobyl in our back yard, the risk is unimaginable and we must take steps to prevent it. Republic has proven to be non-compliant to safeguards and is a blatant polluter. Toxins being emitted into the air and groundwater from the landfill, waste particulates blown out of the trucks all along the Highway 99 corridor as they leave the landfill and the carbon footprint of waste transportation from far distances, plus their untreated sludge that is being dumped into the Willamette. What kind of stewards are we being for future generations if we let this expansion happen? The current operation is primitive, outdated and profiteering. We need to find a better solution for our waste management that is less polluting, safer with long term viable. Expansion must not be allowed.

