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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nancy Yialouris. I have an Albany address but I am a Benton County resident. I'm writing because our neighborhood is affected by the odors that are emitted from the Coffin Butte Landfill. Our neighborhood is east of Independence Highway, between that highway and Scenic Rd. Any time there is a stagnant air alert or a heat inversion, we smell the gases that are emitted from the landfill. The odor is so strong we can smell it inside our house. In the summer, we often have to close the windows at night because the stench permeates the area. During the fall and winter, if the winds are blowing from a westerly direction we smell the odor inside the house with the windows closed. I have smelled the dump, not only in our neighborhood, but clear into Corvallis proper as well as down along the Ellington Street area in Albany. I have filed several complaints with the DEQ and have received contact from that office regarding these concerns.

Having lived in watershed areas previously I'm familiar with how pollution from refuse can leach into the water table or run off during rains, polluting creeks, rivers and ponds. I also understand that methane gas is a byproduct of the decomposing waste at the landfill and fear that if a fire got started there, it very probably would burn toward our area, threatening our subdivision along with other homes in the subdivisions on the east side of Scenic Rd. The air and water pollution resulting from what used to be a local dump site has grown as the landfill has expanded to take waste from cities and towns far from Benton County.

It is for the above stated reasons that I feel strongly that this landfill should be closed and relocated away from watershed areas and populated areas with care taken to select a site that can contain the pollutants that result from decomposing waste and gaseous byproducts along with leaching that accompanies such an operation. At the very least, the proposed expansion of the landfill should be denied since the site has grown beyond its capacity and, from my understanding, is a major source of air and water pollution.

We all want to live in a place where the air and water are clean. To my mind, those elements are basic to good health and a thriving community. So I'd like to thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

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