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Re: application file number: LU-24-027

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I am a resident of Corvallis writing to declare my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

There are so many reasons that this expansion makes no sense, but I will focus on just one: the negative environmental impacts of the landfill on the surrounding community. The combined population of the Albany-Corvallis metropolitan area is some 230,000. All indications are that this number will continue to grow. If a new landfill were to be proposed today on the Coffin Butte site, in one of the most congested areas in Oregon, it would be immediately rejected, and for obvious reasons:

- the **immediate impacts** of odors, and the noise and traffic impact of numerous large trucks in the area, as well as the garbage spilled regularly on the roads by these trucks. I often drive between Corvallis and Albany and frequently encounter foul odors as I pass Coffin Butte - the proposed expansion would make this problem much worse. I have personally witnessed Republic Services trucks with garbage falling out of them on the way to the landfill on several occasions.
- The very real concerns about **future impacts** from leachates, microplastics, toxic chemicals such as lead, arsenic, cobalt, and copper, and greenhouse gases, particularly methane. My family and I enjoy the many recreational opportunities available in this part of the Willamette Valley and the Willamette River. This proposed expansion would negatively impact all of these options.
- **Republic Services has a very poor record**, both in Benton County and in other sites that they manage, including in Sylmar, CA  
<https://lapublicpress.org/2025/03/sunshine-canyon-landfill-smell-complaints-violations/> of maintaining their sites and in responding to and correcting violations.

There are so many potential sites in Oregon that are in less wet climates with far lower population density. Any of these would do a better job of providing this necessary service to Oregon while dramatically decreasing the impact on the surrounding communities.

The proposed use violates Benton County Codes 53.215 (1) and 53.215 (2) as well as Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5. **I strongly urge the Planning Commission to deny this proposal.**

Sincerely,  
Peter Adamczyk