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Hi Nick, it's been a long time. I'm happy to see that you and Sheila are enjoying your beautiful family. I love the Christmas card I get every year! Please give her my best. Thanks. Yvonne

Below is my letter to the planning commission:

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

It has not been managed well, allowing methane gasses and other chemicals to leach into and contaminate our air and water systems. Not only is this just plain bad, it is a violation which has not been adequately addressed. If you approve "with conditions," who will monitor and enforce those conditions? With the reduction of federal funds to the EPA, Oregon DEQ will have more work to do, so monitoring will only decrease. This will allow Republic Services to get away with even poorer management and further damage the land, air and water nearby and downstream.

I hear the county is making a lot of money on this. Is this what it comes down to? What about livability? This area could be used for housing instead of other county's trash. If you're going to allow expansion, why not instead encourage more residential and business building, which provides jobs and brings in people and taxes income?

By allowing the landfill expansion, the horrible smell, as well as air and water concerns, trash, traffic...all will decrease property values and make people want to move away from Corvallis and Adair Village. I don't live near there, but I hike, drive, and have friends close by and it stinks! Have you smelled it? And have you seen the trash along the highway leading up to the landfill?

Finally, as a hiker I value that I can hike so close to home in beautiful surroundings with wildlife and fresh air. I do not want to see more of our beautiful local forest torn up to be replaced by a mountain of trash.

If you approve this, I believe you would be doing this beautiful town of ours a terrible disservice.

Please do not approve the expansion.

Thanks for your consideration and hard work.

Respectfully,
Yvonne Uribe-Lomnick

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May you be happy.  
May you be safe.  
May you find peace.  
May you be free.