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I submit this as testimony to express my strong opposition to LU-24-027. Please deny the application to expand the landfill.

Just this morning a Statesman Journal article titled "This [Corvallis] is the best college town in Oregon, according to World Atlas" left me feeling proud of the city that our family adopted as home in 1990. We moved to Corvallis because its stated values were just what we were seeking for the long term; but when I consider the landfill expansion proposal, my feelings change to angst and sadness.

Our fair city and county have already been negatively impacted by the current landfill so I am incredulous that there is ANY consideration to allowing further expansion. In no way can it live up to Benton County's 2040 "Thriving Communities" values. For example, Corvallis could easily become "the dump town." That would have a definite negative effect on the ability to attract and keep citizens, including our "temporary" OSU citizens. The expansion would violate both BCC 53.215(2) and BCC 53.215(1). Our quality of life would degrade.

I imagine you must feel unappreciated in your role at times, but you have the chance to become a hero in your community's eyes by seeing this issue clearly for what it is: an opportunity to do the right thing.

Thanks for your commitment of time and energy. Please vote NO.

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