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Subject of Testimony: Opposing expansion of Coffin Butte landfill

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Written Testimony:

I oppose the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, because of the negative impacts such an expansion would have on the environment and its impacts on the communities near the area. If approved, this expansion will also diminish sustainability efforts in the region, and derail alternative waste management initiatives needed to protect Oregon residents. The extent of the landfill's negative impacts are only now beginning to be known. According to the Sierra Club, these impacts include unacceptable health effects from polluted air, ground, and water; PFAS and other toxics that flow from the landfill; a weakening of alternatives to waste creation; and a hastening of climate change, to name a few. It would be irresponsible to assert that expanding its operations would not seriously interfere with the air, water, wildlife, and other natural resources that we all share.

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