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Benton County Commissioners  
2025

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4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333

Re: Landfill Issues and Expansion.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to express my serious and urgent concerns about Coffin Butte Landfill. We live only a few miles from this public hazard, and we have several concerns.

Air quality

Water Quality

Truck Traffic

Pollution

**Air Quality:** We smell the stench of this rotting mass quite regularly. The methane smell and the smell of rotting garbage cannot be good for our health, our neighbors, visitors or the community. As we all know, Republic Services has violations of air quality now that they cannot deal with effectively. How would we expect them to do so in an expansion?

**Water Quality:** I am very concerned about our water quality. With all the leachates being generated from the landfill, it is only a matter of time before our and other wells are contaminated. This will make many square miles of areas unlivable for your community members.

**Truck Traffic:** It is one thing to have the truck traffic required to serve the needs of our own community, but the number of trucks coming from all over the state, bring a level of congestion, pollution and added danger to our local roads and Highway 99. On my way to and from work I see litter flying out of the back of so many trucks. Worse, it is rarely picked up. Republic Services takes no initiative to do so either.

**Pollution:** The amount of litter that spills out of the trucks heading to the landfill is mind boggling. Highway 99 is of course the worst, but so are our other roads of approach, Granger Road, Arnold, and other roads in and around Adair Village. The litter is rarely picked up. It is a blight on our neighborhoods and our community at large. Nothing like saying welcome to

Corvallis or Welcome to Benton County than a litter strewn Highway, truck traffic and a large pile of stinky garbage.

I implore you to please not expand the Landfill. There is no amount of money Benton County could make on this endeavor that will not be eaten up by the lawsuits associated with well water and surface water contamination, excess methane emissions, and loss of property value. These lawsuits will be aimed at Republic and Benton County. Wiping out the ability of our local government to effectively operate and likely increasing property taxes. Inviting other counties to utilize this dump is inviting environmental disaster. Landfills are better suited for dry climates, not our extremely wet one. The Coffin Butte Landfill is like the County owning a ticking timebomb of pollution, well contamination, degradation, and lawsuits. Please put people ahead of corporate profits. Please show that you care for your constituents. Please care for human life and health. Stop the Expansion!

Sincerely

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