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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

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Written Testimony:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed landfill expansion operated by Republic services. I have lived in Corvallis for over 40 years. I have seen the odor and trash scattered along the roadways become continual and offensive. I have seen it blowing off Republic's trucks as I follow them. Republic has not been honest. We were told that methane leaks were few and small – but that's simply not true. Two fires broke out last year. That's a public safety issue and absolutely not acceptable. The cover does not contain airborne toxic particles. There are photos available.

An upsetting thing for me personally is knowing that my granddaughter swam in a river where leachate from a landfill was being disposed. I had no idea until concerned citizens made me aware of this practice. Unacceptable.

We should not allow Republic to make huge profits as it degrades our land and leaves all the long term consequences of toxic waste for our children.

I urge you not to allow this landfill expansion to proceed. Our community deserves your no vote.

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