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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte Landfill expansion application, LU-24-027

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Written Testimony:

I strongly oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill (CBL). Air quality: CBL is currently operating under an expired air quality permit, which has not been updated since 2009, and it failed to meet guidelines for methane emissions when monitored by the EPA in 2022 and 2024. These problems will worsen if the landfill is allowed to expand. Water pollution: Arsenic, PFAS, and other toxins in leachate from CBL make their way into nearby wetlands, groundwater, and the Willamette River. Leachate release will increase if the landfill is allowed to expand. Intake cap: If approved, the permit to expand the landfill would eliminate any cap on waste intake, allowing CBL to accept significantly more waste and further exacerbating the problems related to air quality and water pollution.

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