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Subject: Please deny LU-024-27, the application to expand Coffin Butte Landfill
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Dear Benton County Community Development,

Leachate from Coffin Butte landfill is trucked to Wastewater Facility then piped into Willamette River. Forever chemicals, PFLAs cannot be cleaned or filtered. Along with global warming, our rivers warmed 87% while 70% lose oxygen harming fish. The urgency is now. Protect our Willamette River for future generations. When our summer temperatures rise above 90 and 100 degrees, families flock to the Willamette to cool off. Please do not keep allowing leachate into our river. A million dollars per year is paid to allow those trucks to dump leachates. I swam in the river, I have cancer. If I had a million dollars, I would pay it all in order not to have cancer. The money is not worth it and I am sure all those diagnosed with cancer would agree. Once the landfill is full and Republic pulls out, the problems will fall on our grandchildren to clean it up. There's no endowment from Republic Services. They just want to profit.

I oppose LU-024-27, the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, because of the negative impacts such an expansion would have on the environment and because it will seriously interfere with the mostly rural character of 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. 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. For these reasons I'm urging you to deny LU-024-27.

Sincerely,

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