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TESTIMONY AGAINST THE PROPOSED COFFIN BUTTE EXPANSION LU-24-027

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Thank you, Commissioners, for your service and for allowing this testimony.

I am joining my fellow citizens of Corvallis in saying no to the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte garbage site. Republic has demonstrated a callous lack of reasonable monitoring of the leachate and methane emissions already. There are large tears in the covering daily which allow these substances to escape. Republic's practice of dumping leachate into the river puts us all at risk of higher rates of cancer, liver damage and developmental problems with children. Not only does Republic have no accountability with our waste, it brings in garbage from nine other major sites as far away as Washington State—only 10% of this mess is local.

According to the 2020 Franchise Agreement between Republic Services and Benton County stipulated that if this expansion is approved, there will be NO LIMIT to the amount of garbage they can dump there. I'm afraid that our children and grandchildren will bear the brunt of us not stopping the expansion of this huge toxic stew, which unchecked could fill an entire valley. (6.1.2. In cooperation with appropriate agencies, Benton County shall manage its air, water and land resources to insure their protection, conservation, restoration or enhancement.) Now is our chance I urge a vote for no expansion.