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**I strongly oppose the approval of LU-24-027.** In 1994 my husband and I moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Corvallis and settled in a house in the Trillium neighborhood off of Tampico Road. Part of the reason we chose Corvallis was that it seemed like a community that valued natural areas and the environment with many green spaces to enjoy the outdoors. We biked and hiked in nearby Dunn Forest, Peavy Arboretum and EE Wilson. Years later when we had children, they too would join us for walks and bike rides at these local natural areas. Every once in a while we could smell the landfill from our house which was about a mile away, but back then the landfill was much smaller. In 2008, 2 years before we moved into town to be closer to our children's activities, Republic Services took over the landfill. They promised to be good neighbors, but unfortunately have not lived up to their promises. There have been several methane leaks many of which have far exceeded EPA guidelines. Also, every year millions of gallons of leachate containing heavy metals, carcinogenic industrial solvents and PFAS (aka "forever chemicals") are trucked over to water treatment facilities in Corvallis and Salem, diluted, and then dumped in the Willamette River. The landfill is only partially lined, so leachate is mostly likely leaking into the groundwater affecting the health of nearby EE Wilson as well as the integrity of well water in the area. The community's health and well-being are at risk, not to mention landowners' property values. And this is without expansion! How can we trust Republic Services to be able to handle the expansion of the landfill when they can't even safely manage it now? Expanding the landfill is in violation of BCC 53.215(1) and BCC 53.215(2). Please consider the health, well-being and future of our community and oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Sincerely,

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**I strongly oppose the approval of LU-24-027.** In 1994 my husband and I moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Corvallis and settled in a house in the Trillium neighborhood off of Tampico Road. A few years after moving here, I became a master's student in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. In the years prior I had taken jobs working for researchers doing bird surveys in the Coast Range and Eastern Oregon and became interested in avian ecology and conservation. In my free time, I enjoyed birdwatching in EE Wilson Wildlife Area just a short drive from my home. With its varied habitats from upland oak savanna to wetland a diversity of bird species could be found there. Coffin Butte Landfill sits directly to the west of this important natural area. In 2022, several methane leaks far exceeding EPA limits were detected. Leachate that is not trucked to water treatment facilities in Corvallis and Salem leaks through the unlined parts of the landfill and into the groundwater potentially affecting the wetland at EE Wilson. Not only do people bird watch here, but they walk, bike, and fish in the stocked pond. If this wetland and natural area become contaminated, we could potentially lose habitat that is important for many bird, plant, and animal species. Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 5.9.4 states that in making land use decisions, "Benton County shall protect identified sensitive wildlife habitat types and wildlife corridors from adverse impacts". **I strongly oppose any expansion of the landfill that would further impact this important natural area and wetland. This expansion would clearly interfere with uses of nearby property and the character of the area BCC 53.215 (1) and Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.74.**

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