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Dear Rachel McEneny and others,

On behalf of 350 Salem, Beyond Toxics, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club, and Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety, I submitted the attached public testimony regarding the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill. We submitted our testimony on Friday, April 18th, well before the deadline.

Apparently our testimony was not included in the [staff report](#) to the Benton County Planning Commission. In addition, I have also been informed that testimony from approximately 50-100 other letters were excluded from the public record. Please provide a reason for this exclusion.

To correct this error, we would like to request that our testimony be added to the public record, and given to the Benton County Planning Commission.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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On Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 12:52 PM Debra Higbee <dwhigbes@gmail.com> wrote:
Chair Fowler and Commissioners,

On behalf of 350 Salem, Beyond Toxics, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club, and Valley Neighbors for Environmental Quality and Safety, I am submitting the attached letter, and attachments, regarding Republic Services' application for a Conditional Use Permit to expand Coffin Butte Landfill.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. Let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
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