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Subject of Testimony: landfill expansion

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Written Testimony:

Please do not approve the landfill expansion. An enlarged landfill will continue to release toxic substances into our groundwater for *thousands* of years. These will come from batteries, electronics, paint, and many other things that will gradually leach toxins. The landfill liner will last at most decades but will eventually begin to leak, and then we'll have a MUCH bigger problem than we have now. Please do not put this problem on our children, grandchildren, and other descendants.

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