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Subject of Testimony: Expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill

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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioners and Planning Committee:

I oppose expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill for a variety of reasons but principally for the environmental legacy and potential horrific financial burden it will likely have on future generations of Benton County residents. Once the landfill is full and the profits Republic Service (or other operator/owner) realizes from accepting garbage/trash from across Oregon has dried up, it seems quite probable Republic Service will distance itself legally and business wise from the enviro legacy and cost burdens. I ask, what protection does Benton County have against this forever legacy?

The landfill liners will fail. For instance, spontaneous combustion within landfill cells will prematurely compromise the cell liners, this is well known, resulting in difficult to mitigate gas and leachate leakage.

I see no logical reason for Benton County to amass the burden, and legacy issues, of trash from across Oregon. Yes it might be polite and politically correct for us in Benton County to accept trash from neighboring communities/counties (e.g Linn, Polk, Lincoln), but beyond that geography we should preserve the life span of Coffin Butte landfill for Benton County residents for as long as possible. Let other population centers of Oregon initiate the citing their own dump and stop pooping in Benton County. Amen.

Oh by the way, what about the constant eye sore of fugitive trash that collects along road sides leading to Coffin Butte? Who's policing that problem? Are we not the least bit embarrassed? And, how about the livability associated with the constant line of contract trash haulers (semi-trucks) bring trash from Marion County and other norther population centers through Monmouth, etc. ?

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