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My name is Rebecca Sherman Geier and I live one-third of a mile from the Coffin Butte landfill. My address is: 38566 Highway 99W
Corvallis, OR 97330.

I am writing because I vehemently oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit Application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

Living so close to the landfill, we often experience extremely strong smells, ranging from a chemical-type smell to the smell of rotten eggs.

Not knowing the origins of the smells--and if they are perhaps hazardous--I hesitate to be outside working in our yard or in the vegetable garden, which we rely on for our produce annually.

Needless to say, taking a walk in our area always causes me to question the wisdom of breathing the acrid smell outside and this has seriously affected me. Imagine how an expanded landfill would affect our already bad air quality. Moreover, the proposed expansion will be even closer to our property.

Similarly, the almost constant noise from the landfill sometimes resembles an explosion (when the large semis dump their loads). The construction of the expansion of the landfill will certainly increase the noise levels. There will be blasting of the site (the hillside which is even closer to our property) and construction vehicles operating almost constantly.

The noise from the landfill is already affecting our neighborhood and the expansion will seriously affect our lives here and the character and quality of our neighborhood.

There are so many other reasons to oppose the expansion of the landfill such as leachate issues, soil quality (arsenic?), water quality, traffic noise and additional garbage trucks on the highway, and loose garbage flying off the trucks on a daily basis.

The deleterious affect on wildlife is heartbreaking. There is a Great Blue heron rookery directly adjacent to the current landfill and any expansion would certainly seriously affect

them and other wildlife.

Benton County is supposed to value environmental sustainability. Please, please reject LU-24-027!

Thank you.

Rebecca Sherman Geier