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Hello,

I am a Corvallis resident who has written you about this issue once before and I am doing so one more time. This time, I want to speak from the bottom of my heart and appeal to you as Benton county residents to do the right thing.

I am sure you are getting pressure from big businesses with big money to approve the landfill expansion. But please dig deep into your hearts and think about if there is possibly a reason to say yes to this application. If you do so, I am sure you will find there is not.

I am sure you are getting inundated with tons of scientific "data" saying a larger landfill would have no impact on the local community. But how can anyone possibly know that? They can't. They are just basically assuming everything will go well. They can't KNOW that it will. There are always risks - and the risks are to us and our children and grandchildren - not to them. It is not worth the risk!!

In addition, there are absolutely NO benefits to Benton county to becoming - even more so - the dumping ground for the state of Oregon. Absolutely none.

It is not worth ANY risk to Benton county residents, so that a large corporation in Arizona can make money. These risks to Benton county residents include water quality (especially well water), air quality (methane!!), and soil contamination that would be here forever. And that's not to mention the impact of trucks driving here from all over the state - air pollution, traffic, road damage, and increase of auto accident risk.

It is YOUR job to advocate for Benton county residents, NOT for big corporations.

For our community, your kids, your grandchildren, my kids, my grandchildren, for all of us - you must look deep into your hearts for the right answer, and if you do so, I know the answer will be a resounding NO to LU-24-02.

Corvallis and our surrounding community should NOT be a dump for the state of Oregon. That is just WRONG and if you look into your heart, you know that. Portland can find its own solution. Eastern Oregon can find its own solution! There is so much land in eastern Oregon; why on earth are they trucking one-third of their garbage to Benton county? It makes absolutely no sense!!

All of those other areas of Oregon - and other states - should come up with their own solutions (that hopefully, those landfills will be further away from developed communities like Corvallis).

In addition, in my opinion we should be looking to decrease the size of Coffin Butte, so that it

only takes local garbage, absolutely NOT to be increasing its size.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Kellie Neet