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To County Commissioners,

My address is 37645 Govier place, Corvallis OR 97330

My name is Mardi Bisland

My husband and I were born in Corvallis, we have lived, owned business, worked, raised a family in Corvallis. We choose to build a house in Soap Creek valley since we have both loved this area since we were children.

I remember swimming in the pond which was at the bottom of coffin butte , my husband hunted pheasants there too. It is now covered with an abundance of trash.

I also want to comment on the fact we have seen the landfill on fire. One night we saw a glow in the sky , followed the brightness and were shocked to see what had happened. The whole landfill was on fire, it plussed and glowed looking like a huge brain. You can imagine with videos of wildfires destroying towns and rural areas how scary this was. We live 3 miles from the landfill it would not take long for a fire to reach us.

On the top of the ridge to the south of Coffin Butte road was a historically First Nation Peoples road to Kings Valley and the coast. No research was done to protect this ridge. The area is already to go , republic has been prepping the area for the past year for their "expansion". We do not consider it an expansion but an entirely NEW LANDFILL. Now they want to cover this area up with more trash hauled from counties far away that have no interest or care for our children, citizens, environment, city and county. Plus we know they will close our egress(Coffin Butte road) once they have domain on the south side of Coffin Butte Road.

We will watch our property value decrease if this new landfill is allowed.

Will the owners of the properties around the landfill ask for a decrease in their taxes due to this excessive mountain of bleaching gasses, fire hazard, eye sore, and poisons being allowed into our aquifer I would hope so. The county could lose more income from loss of property tax assessment now and into the future if this new landfill is allowed. The landfill will close and the cash cow it has been but it will be affect property values for ever.

Please deny the expansion, no money is worth this ugly scar upon our beautiful county.

Mardi Bisland

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