

Submitter: Camille Hall
On Behalf Of: citizen
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3794

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to consider significant amendments to the proposed bill to account for the comments raised by others who support or take a neutral position on this bill. Those of us in Benton County have spent thousands of hours over the course of the past 5 or more years, studying the impacts of Coffin Butte Landfill on residents and on the local governments who receive payment from the landfill operator.

As supporters and neutral parties have stated, there are significant issues to be addressed:

- * the fundamental need for waste reduction and separation of waste streams to prevent methane production,
- * attention to the public health hazards of landfill operations,
- * the environmental impact of siting landfills in wet climates and
- * the oversized role played corporations that benefit from landfilling waste.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to amend this bill to focus the task force on these issues and keep its membership clear of the influence of commercial waste haulers, as well as their former staff, lobbyists and consultants.

Sincerely,
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