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I am a resident of Benton County and Corvallis, OR. The Coffin Butte Landfill, located 7 miles north of Corvallis on Hiway99 has been emitting massive plumes of methane which have been documented by the Carbon Mapper project, including an especially dramatic September 28, 2024 satellite observation.

EPA Clean Air Inspections in 2022 and 2024 cited Coffin Butte Landfill with over 100 methane exceedances. These were measured after notice of impending inspection had been given to the operator.

I believe that Republic Services has been taking advantage of the lax oversight by federal and state agencies and nonexistent oversight by Benton County. Franchise fees are for used for discretionary projects approved by the board of commissioners rather than targeted for monitoring the landfill.

Landfills are known to be the third most prolific greenhouse gas producing sector of the US economy and it is generally accepted that methane emissions are grossly understated in self-reported data.

Please support SB 726; it is an important step towards controlling greenhouse gasses in Benton County, Oregon, and across our planet.