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1 anytime we put together an option, it seems like greed
2 gets in the way, because you get it all set up and
3 then somebody else likes to take it over and suddenly,
4 it doesn't work any more.

5 Anyway I want to point out that we're
6 approving a hole in a ground out here, but really you
7 got to think and that's the away home -- the way
8 hole. You're throwing it away. Got to remember that
9 everything comes from a hole in the ground somewhere
10 else. It's a hole in Michigan. You're buying a
11 toaster. You don't think you're buying a hole in the
12 ground in Michigan. You don't think you're creating a
13 hole in the ground in a coal mine in Wyoming. You
14 don't think you're depleting a gas well in Colorado.
15 You don't think your pumping water out of the river or
16 running somebody's groundwater dry.

17 So you have a chance to solve two problems
18 at once. Recycling is one. This bottle is
19 recyclable, but I see a lot of them in a garbage can
20 out the door. I think if we're going to talk about --

21 CHAIR LEWIS: Water bottles are worth a
22 nickel now, so why are they in the garbage can?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I pick them up.

24 So anyway, I just find it significant now 30
25 years ago some ladies were told, if you can know -- if

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1 you think you can do, it you go right ahead. And here
2 we are sitting before two more wonderful ladies and if
3 you want to follow in the tradition of Yamhill County,
4 you just go right on ahead and do it.

5 CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you Leonard.
6 Commissioner, any questions?

7 COMMISSIONER GEORGE: No.

8 CHAIR LEWIS: Okay.

9 MS. NOBLE: Hi. My name is Jennifer
10 Redmond-Noble. I live at 13500 southwest Pea Vine
11 Road. And I just found out what a NIMBY was during
12 the last break, and I thought it was great
13 (indiscernible) because, absolutely, if we're talking
14 about a giant landfill in my back yard, yeah, I'm a
15 NIMBY. Not In My Back Yard.

16 I'm here to speak for five homes, 2301 and
17 2303 South Hill road. 13480, 13500 and 13700 Peavine
18 Road. These are all homes owned by my family. We own
19 approximately 780 acres in this area. And we have
20 lived and farmed here since 1874.

21 The odor from the landfill is horrible, and
22 over the last three years, as the landfill continues
23 to grow higher, we are experiencing more days when the
24 smell is very strong. One wonders how much worse it
25 will get as it grows even higher. And I wonder how

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1 many more people (indiscernible) will be affected.

2 You saw the slide of Peavine much earlier in
3 the evening. They could have been taken right from my
4 driveway. That's what we see from all our three
5 Peavine properties (indiscernible). It's one of the
6 biggest things we see out of our window, and quite
7 frankly, it's a pretty offensive site. I've stood
8 before you in the past telling you I didn't want
9 houses covering my farm or surrounding my area. My
10 family wants to farm.

11 This landfill is, I believe, a much greater
12 threat to my farm and to my family's way of life than
13 housing, because I can control not selling my land and
14 at least they can't move over my land. I don't know
15 what the environmental impacts of expanding this
16 landfill, much greater, will be to my farm. And I am
17 not willing to take the risk on land that my family
18 has lived on for so long.

19 Something as simple as an outdoor barbecue
20 or a picnic can be nearly impossible on my farm today
21 due to the stench of rotting garbage that often
22 permeates the air. This may not seem like a big deal
23 to you, but this is where I live and I think anyone
24 else in this room would realize that that would be a
25 problem at their home. We find it untenable as well.

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1 I spoke earlier at the last hearing about
2 the out-of-bounds bird population, specifically, crows
3 that are being supported by the landfill. I think
4 this is going to affect my ability to raise livestock
5 if it continues, due to the many diseases that birds
6 can carry, such as cox siliosis and also the fact that
7 I've had to change my lambing practices this year, due
8 to the aggressive crows last year trying to peck out
9 baby lamb's eyes. We have never seen this kind of
10 activity from crows before or as many crows that are
11 now in our area.

12 (Indiscernible) water quality is everything,
13 and this landfill poses much too great a risk to both
14 ground, river, and creek water to even consider
15 growing it even larger.

16 As a member of swack (phonetic) I can say
17 that alternatives to this landfill have only been
18 explored in the most shallow ways. Rail transport,
19 which may be much cheaper than trucking, I don't
20 really think has truly been explored for many of the
21 customers.

22 Arlington has many fewer neighbors and a
23 much lower rain fall which would certainly mitigate
24 our leachate problem. I was also -- I asked the
25 question about how much my garbage rates would go up

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1 if Riverbend closed at the last swack meeting and I
2 was told, maybe a couple of dollar a month, so it
3 isn't very significant. And they said well, it might
4 be more significant for a larger customer. And I
5 said, Well, have they really explored options, the
6 larger customers in our County, (indiscernible) rail
7 heads? And they said they didn't know.
8 So I think we've got a lot more work to do
9 before we say, "wait this is too expensive."
10 Farming is generational, and I hope my three
11 children will want to farm our land for the next
12 generation. Saying we live off the land is not just
13 what we do, but who we are. My family does not have
14 the luxury of being able to move our farm to an
15 alternate location, because there is no replacement
16 for my farm that my family has been living on for 135
17 years.
18 This County has a chance to say that we
19 value all of the citizens of this County, and just
20 because it is not next to your homes shows that every
21 landowner in Yamhill County deserves the right to
22 continue their chosen occupation and has a right to a
23 certain quality of life. Thank you.
24 MR. JONES: My name is Mikey Jones, and I
25 live in the very corner of the map there. That's

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1 important probably the 300 peek (indiscernible), so
2 I'd like to tell you a little bit about how I came to
3 be here. Is 30 years --
4 CHAIR LEWIS: What is your address, sir.
5 MR. JONES: It's 751 Amity Vineyards Road.
6 And maybe I'll tell you, first, when I came here, I
7 didn't expect to see (indiscernible) this
8 consideration was made -- and I was on the committee
9 that helped make it -- Metro looked at almost all of
10 the sites and almost every site in the state and this
11 one was disallowed because of the most obvious thing,
12 this is on compressible soil. And you're talking
13 about huge weight on top of compressible soils.
14 Probably when you get that weight it will go 20 feet
15 down. When these people bring their liner, have them
16 take that joint, and show you how the joint -- the
17 well joint stretches. It doesn't stretch.
18 The other problem and that is that you have
19 a water course -- you have a stream right beside the
20 boundaries. Well water courses are water courses
21 because, usually, there's a fracture to the primary
22 (indiscernible), and so what you got right there, is
23 you're not going to have a liner that work. The first
24 three cells don't even have a liner, and you've got
25 the (indiscernible) right there inside the landfill.

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1 The other thing they're going to tell you
2 about compressible soils and this is why they
3 stopped -- St. Johns' was stopped because it's on
4 compressible soils also. And when soils compress,
5 they don't just go down and in the boundaries of the
6 landfill. It's like standing on a trampoline. When
7 you stand on the trampoline, they compress off site,
8 and there is technical name for that. The little area
9 that's left that, there's nothing that leachate goes
10 through and lens is when you press it down, and off
11 site, it presses down also, but it leaves a space for
12 it to go through, plus you differentially --
13 differentially (indiscernible) you fill them here,
14 fill them there.
15 But you're talking incredible waste. You're
16 talking 100 feet. If I were going to build 100 feet
17 structure, and you said, okay what's your foundation?
18 Well, I got three layers that's twice as thick as a
19 garbage bag, and that's going to be my foundation --
20 but I didn't come to say that.
21 There are these problems with the landfill.
22 What I came to you to tell you was that nobody pays
23 the true cost of landfilling. I was involved with the
24 Saint John's Landfill when they closed. They closed,
25 and then they said, you know, we're going to do a

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1 closing plan. We got the changes, but you know you
2 have to do closure plans five years before closure.
3 But (indiscernible) singing 50/100 years of
4 landfilling, they had about 500 thousand dollars for
5 closure, and the most -- the most -- the cheapest
6 would have been about 30 million dollars, so it's what
7 happens, and what they're saying this park is that
8 most of the garbage you get from Metro here has a
9 surcharge on it for Saint John's landfill closure.
10 It closed in '94. The surcharge is still
11 there, and why is the landfill closed because they
12 can't close it, because when they do. They have to be
13 safe. It will never be safe.
14 (Indiscernible) I just can't believe it. I
15 said this is going to be worse than Saint John's, and
16 but what happens is soon as they said Metro raises the
17 closure funds not browning ferrous, not Waste
18 Management, that division of Waste Management will go
19 so fast, you won't see it once they're looking at
20 closure. And the County, the people who started there
21 is going to have to pick it up.
22 One of the strangest things that always
23 bothered me is the federal government doesn't get
24 involved with landfills until they're closed, but then
25 they are involved, and there's rules and things.