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Dear Staff,

We're emailing today to voice our concerns over conditional use permit CU-21-00003 Ryegrass LPL Expansion. We are residents of a newly built home in the Sage Hills development located 14 east of Ellensburg and 4 miles west and downstream of the County's Ryegrass Landfill. We are not only concerned about the landfill expansion but also the fact that **this landfill was scheduled to be shut down in the year 2021, not expanded**, due to numerous ecological and geological reasons.

My husband and my concerns or questions before the County Commissioner's approve this expansion are:

- Property Values – we have a recent appraisal done after completion of building our home, if our value decreases due to this landfill expansion, who will reimburse us for this?
- We purchased this land and built our home under the knowledge this landfill was slated for **closure not expansion**
- Who will pay for regular water testing to make sure our wells are not being contaminated?
- Will the County have the funds to purchase our property at fair market value if our well is contaminated due to this expansion?
- The fractured basalt rock which exists at the landfill site and our entire neighborhood is built on is not the type of soil structure to filter water, it's the opposite, water travels thru this basalt into surrounding aquifers
- It was previously on record that a very respected CWU Professor of Geology stated the Ryegrass location **was the worst possible site for landfill due to potential water/well contamination**
- The current SEPA for this landfill is from 2004, in our opinion it seems incomplete and inaccurate to be using such an outdated study to make this determination from
- **And lastly, why is the current site not being shut down in 2021 as stated in the 2004 filing that the County approved to open the Ryegrass landfill?**

Thank you in advance for your time in reviewing this matter more in depth, please advise when the Public Hearing will be held.

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