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Subject: tes9mony re. LU-24-027, DEQ's PEN

Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners—

My name is John Otto and I live on the corner of Country Hills Drive and Overlook. I am submitting this testimony in response to two others already in the Board of Commissioners Reconsideration record, as relates to the DEQ Pre-Enforcement Notice:

Janet Ohmann's testimony (Record ID: BOC4_T0780)
Faye Yoshihara's testimony (Record ID: BOC4_T0778)

My property is in a small valley to the north and below the high point of Mountain View and several miles south of Soap Creek Road. We have lived here for 30 years. Like Ohmann and Yoshihara, we have experienced regular occurrences of "methane stink." Last week it happened three times. It was particularly strong during the foggy day and the temperature inversion. These events happen frequently in the space of a year. Sometimes they last for a few hours, sometimes most of the day.

I have asthma and a heart condition that requires a daily regimen of exercise, a daily walk. On Methane days I cannot walk outside. Another member of my family has environmental issues and sensitivities that keep them inside on these days.

We have been following the Coffin Butte issues since we moved out here. We are aware of the history of the landfill and the issues with the underlying geology that makes it an extremely poor location for this type of operation. We expected that the landfill would be closed in 2000 and were disappointed that this did not happen. Now we are faced with the possibility of expansion and probable increased frequency and severity of Methane events.

Please support your county residents and deny this expansion.

Sincerely,

John Otto