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Written Testimony:

I am grateful that the Commissioners have reopened this case due to the new information provided by the state. When I learned of the decision to approve, I felt as if I and all the citizens who had worked so hard to alter the outcome had been kicked in the gut. While I appreciate the legal process required, ignoring the evidence of continued mismanagement of the current landfill was extremely upsetting. There has been an ongoing problem with the current facility and to approve its expansion without guarantees of compliance is simply wrong and not a service to our community. That external parties (outside Benton Co) argue for approval but they are not the ones who must live daily by the landfill. There is no reason that Benton County should bear the brunt of this expansion; there are other locations in the state where a new facility could be established, one that is actually closer to the cities requesting service. That would allow the current site to be used well into the future for Benton/Linn Counties.

Thank you for your service to Benton County; I am troubled that folks have lost their tempers and patience with the process. I am hopeful that the new information will yield a different outcome, specifically a denial of the request for expansion.

Thank you.

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