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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Bonnie Wedekind Albright and I live at 962 NW Highland Terrace Ave, Corvallis.

I am writing because I strongly oppose any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and urge you to uphold your Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027, Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. The Planning Commission carefully considered all evidence provided by the applicant, as well as considerable testimony, and concluded unanimously that the application did not meet the required Burden of Proof.

I moved to Corvallis in 1986 and graduated from Oregon State University 1988 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. I worked for Hewlett Packard for over 10 years as a computer engineer. My husband and I enjoy Da Vinci Days, The Fall Festival, The Benton County Fair and Rodeo, sidewalk sales, walking at Crystal Lake and many more "outdoor" events in the community. Air quality for these events will be affected if the landfill expands. Stop this expansion and begin a conversation about the future. Benton County must have control over future waste management facilities located in Benton County.

The proposed expansion will seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) . The applicant does not adequately address major concerns about:

- Uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS that threaten local and global ecosystems and community health
- Massive quantities of leachate trucked offsite (40 million gallons in 2024) containing PFAS and other toxic industrial chemicals that end up in our waterways and generate PFAS-laden biosolids which are spread on land
- Odor and noise issues that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors alike
- Litter on roadsides, farmers fields, pastures and other private property
- Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values
- Long-term climate and environmental consequences for future generations

The proposed expansion also does not align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative* core values. The existing landfill *already undermines* our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management; an expanded landfill would not change this metric.

I believe Benton County should invest in protecting its reputation for agritourism, outdoor recreation, clean air and water, high tech and higher education, not expand a landfill that is already a huge visual blight, perpetuates pollution and places a long-term burden on local communities!

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Wedekind Albright