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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Anna Reistad and I live at 27630 Writsman Creek Drive, within a few miles of the Coffin Butte Landfill. I have lived here for 22 years and recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from OSU. I grew up exploring this area and have always loved the natural areas of Benton County.

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.

This expansion will continue to destroy the land around the landfill, from the forests full of deer and elk that allow seasonal hunts to the large wetland that sits right below the landfill, that has been and will continue to be polluted by chemicals leached from the Coffin Butte landfill. These chemicals, including methane, PFAS, and any chemical traces on the litter along the highway directly affect the beauty and health of our natural spaces and possibly affect human health. Many of the rural homes near the landfill use well water, which could be contaminated by the chemicals leached by the landfill. These issues affect the character of the surrounding area, which violates Benton County Code 53.215 (1).

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.

To me, Benton County is a place of nature, community, understanding, and science. It is clear from the community outcry that our citizens are involved and have opinions on their homes and surroundings. I urge you to listen to us, not the corporation led from out of state.

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

Sincerely,
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