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To: [Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals](#)
Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Reject LU-24-027

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Written Testimony:

Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,
I reside in the southern Willamette Valley near Eugene, and frequently visit 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.

The proposed expansion will seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area and impose an undue burden on public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). 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

Potential catastrophic fire danger from ignition sources inside and outside the landfill (after-hours/unmonitored hot loads, equipment fires) (windblown wildfire embers, lightning strikes) catching uncontrolled methane leaks on fire

Undue burden on local fire department health and safety (to fight landfill fires) and community (to monitor and report fires after hours – even on red flag days)

Traffic increases that pose safety risks on nearby highways, roads and bike paths

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

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