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I write to oppose expansion of the landfill at Coffin Butte. Please include this testimony in the record submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

The expansion of the landfill at Coffin Butte should be flatly prohibited. Its stink, its traffic, its poisons all place an undue burden on the citizens of this county. The poisoning of the air and water constitutes a violation of the human rights of people exposed to the toxins, who have a right to clean water and clean air. And this expanding source of toxic pollution reaches far beyond what we can see or smell, fouling our region and our future. Whatever short-term windfall of money the county will receive from this deal will not cover the enormous and undue burden the citizens of Benton County face now, as quality of life and land values plummet, and will face later when this landfill eventually closes and requires an expensive environmental cleanup.

With every hearing and task-force, the citizens of Benton County continue to provide credible, verifiable, and incriminating evidence of the toxicity of this landfill and its <u>expanding undue burden to Benton County</u> and beyond. This proposal cannot be fixed by a smokescreen of conditions. I urge county commissioners to protect the future of Benton County and reject this expansion outright.