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To: [Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals](#)
Subject: Application # LU-24-027
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Dear Benton County Commissioners,

Please take this as a letter of opposition to the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion.

I am a local physician and I have great concern about the health impacts for the people of Benton County and surrounding areas should the landfill be expanded. The toxic burden that children are exposed to in this generation is much higher than generations before us and I fear for the children of Benton County who will grow up with additional exposure because of their proximity to this landfill site.

My family moved to Corvallis in 2019 and we are currently renting. One of our primary hesitations in buying a home in Corvallis is this looming landfill expansion. We love Corvallis but fear the health impacts for our family may not be worth the risk. I particularly would like to provide a safe environment for my 2.5-year-old son. In addition, houses prices are high and it seems likely that allowing this landfill expansion will ultimately depreciate the value of our home.

The environmental impact is of course a great concern to me. I understand that part of the landfill is below the water table. I worry for surrounding wildlife and the downstream effects it will have on our local environment and local native species.

Corvallis is considered to be a progressive and forward thinking community. I am surprised that this is being so heavily considered by Benton County.

Please stand with the people of Benton County in opposing this landfill expansion.

Sincerely,
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----- Original Message -----

On Saturday, 10/11/25 at 10:16 JMScounseling <jmscounseling@pm.me> wrote:

Hi Brynn and George!

Time to send in those e-mail letters of opposition about the landfill expansion. The Application was already denied by the Land Use committee, Republic appealed it

and now the Benton County Commissioners have final say.

Here's the official e-mail address to send in your comments. You can also hand deliver or snail mail to commissioner's office if you prefer.

landfillappeals@bentoncountyor.gov

Write Application # LU-24-027 in the subject line. Oct. 20 deadline. Comment must include your full name and physical and e-mail address.

Here's a good website for talking points but of course say whatever you want:

<https://www.coffinbuttefacts.org/testify-to-the-board-of-commissioners/>

And the County Website info for mailing addresses etc:

<https://www.bentoncountyor.gov/coffin-butte-landfill/>

Feel free to send this info to anyone you think would be open to writing. The more voices the better.

Julie

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