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To: [Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals](#)
Subject: Uphold Denial of LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Landfill expansion proposal
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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone, and Shepherd,

My name is Martin Fitzpatrick and I live at 2275 NW Russell Pl, Corvallis, Oregon.

I write in strong opposition to any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and plead with you to uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027, Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. Overriding the Planning Commission's carefully considered denial would require discounting the testimony and evidence that led the commission to reject Republic Services' application to the extent of undermining public trust in Benton County's commitment to serve the county's residents.

As amply demonstrated in the evidence presented to the Planning Commission, the proposed expansion will negatively impact the character of the surrounding area and impose undue burden on public resources (violations of Benton County Code 53.215(1) and 53.215(2)).

Neither the applicant's original proposal nor its appeal adequately address major concerns about

1. Uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS that threaten local and global ecosystems and community health
2. 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
3. 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
4. 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)
5. Traffic increases that pose safety risks on nearby highways, roads and bike paths
6. Odor and noise issues that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors alike
7. Litter on roadsides, farmers fields, pastures and other private property
8. Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values
9. Long-term climate and environmental consequences for future generations

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Benton County should invest in protecting the environment with all its follow-on benefits to agritourism, outdoor recreation, high tech and higher education, not on expansion of what is already a visual blight and insult to health and welfare.

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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