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Please accept the attached testimony letter from the membership of the Willamette Grange #52

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RE: Application File # LU-24-027

Dear Commissioners Malone, Shepherd and Wyse,

The Willamette Grange #52 opposes the expansion of the landfill. The Benton County Board of Commissioners must uphold the Planning Commission's UNANIMOUS denial of the landfill expansion.

The Willamette Grange has been in this community for over 150 years and supports environmentally sustainable practices so that the farmers in Benton County can continue to practice agriculture and livestock management to support the community. These practices date back to the times of our parents, grand-parents, and ancestors back to the early pioneers who settled in the Willamette Valley. In addition, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the land that the European settlers took from the Indigenous people who lived and still live here.

It is our responsibility to maintain a healthy environment for all Benton County residents, as well as those downstream.

The proposed expansion seriously interferes with neighboring properties. The air and noise pollution coming from the landfill are already at alarming levels. The landfill, built in the 1940's, is no longer appropriate for our urban area. Corvallis and Albany are expanding. Hundreds of homes have been built in Adair and North Albany in recent years.

The issue with the leachate is unacceptable. After being trucked through the City of Corvallis to the wastewater treatment plant, many toxins are unable to be sufficiently treated and are discharged into the Willamette River here in Corvallis before being carried downstream, affecting life and people along these drainages, including Benton County's Adair Village drinking water intake.

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Rainwater that falls on the landfill carries toxic substances across to the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area and, through natural drainage systems, it also ends up in our Willamette River. This is a violation of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5.

The landfill should not be located in the rainy Willamette Valley. Other Oregon locations offer drier conditions where waste can be sustainably processed.

This statement was passed by the membership of the Willamette Grange #52 at the regular meeting of October 12th 2025

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