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To: Benton County Board of Commissioners
RE: Opposition to LU-24-027 Land Use Application

Dear Commissioners Wyse, Malone, and Shepherd

We, the Board of Bit by Bit, a 501(c)(3) adaptive and therapeutic horseback riding program ask you to deny LU-24-027. We are located just south of Coffin Butte Road on Highway 99W, east of Tampico Ridge. Our property shares two direct borders with Republic Services' forestland and is among the closest neighbors to the proposed expansion site.

Since 2015, Bit by Bit has offered individually tailored equine sessions to children and adults with various diagnoses and limitations. We are contracted by DHS Child services for support of foster children. More recently, we have expanded to include equine-assisted physical therapy.

Our work has already been severely compromised by the existing landfill operations. In the past five years, we have endured a significant increase in off-hours industrial noise, overwhelming odors, airborne pollution, and fire hazards. Plastic and debris frequently blow into our pastures, arena and barn area posing fatal risks to our animals. Our farms pastures are now unusable due to plastic now embedded in the soil as the trees, and ridge no longer offer protection from pollution and sound.

Recently, the blasting from the clearing of cell 6 B has become a concern. Despite our expectation, the blast startled our volunteer and caused stress in the animals. Several blasts have occurred during sessions, startling clients. On June 10th, we received a call just a few hours before the blast, leaving us unable to prepare clients and volunteers.

Expanding the landfill would bring these dangers even closer, with significantly reduced buffering compared to the current situation. It would place immense stress on our animals, riders, and staff, potentially leading to further risks and hindering our ability to continue operating. With our well-being compromised and our water source at risk, putting our farm, the animals, and the clients who depend on it at risk, this would violate County Code. 53.215(1), seriously interfering with our use of the property as adjacent landowners. If the expansion is approved, we will be forced to close.

The land would become uninhabitable for our programs and animals, and due to property value loss, we would be unable to relocate. We request that you reject LU-24-027 to ensure our continued operations. We ask that you uphold the planning

commissioner's unanimous decision. The proposed use would seriously interfere with uses on our adjacent property, farm, government service and violate Section 53.215(1) of the Development Code.