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Benton County Board of Commissioners
4500 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333

Re: File Number LU-24-027

Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Cory Bertsch and I live at 4127 NW Elmwood Dr. Corvallis, OR 97330. I am a married father of two girls who attend school in Corvallis. I want to express my resolute opposition to the expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and request you uphold the Planning Commission's unanimous denial.

I am concerned about the toxic PFAS containing leaks from the landfill. My daughter's cross country team occasionally runs the near Coffin Butte and the stench is horrible. The toxic smell effectively closes down many areas around the landfill for recreation. The smells aren't limited to the area immediately around the landfill and the stench can be smelled from Corvallis.

I'm also incredibly concerned about leachate from the landfill contaminating our ground water. I enjoy purchasing local produce and want to be able to know that produce was grown with uncontaminated water.

PFAS are persistent in the environment and accumulate in the soil, water and wildlife. It's a toxic legacy that Benton County will be stuck paying to clean up after Republic City has left the county. This expansion will only make the issue worse.

I'm writing this letter because I believe Corvallis is a place worth fighting for and I request you deny this request.

Sincerely,

Cory Bertsch
Corvallis, OR 97330