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Commissioners,

I strongly encourage you to stand by the previous decisions to not allow expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill.

Simple principle: I feel it very important that each community address the waste it produces. In a capitalist system (that is working properly), costs borne locally drive local decisions about how much waste to generate and how to dispose/recycle/reuse it. I believe in shared costs (taxes) for efficiency, but sharing in this particular situation creates a problem rather than solves it.

More esoteric principles: In a world of climate change, roads that need repair and maintenance, and water/land issues, waste should be locally disposed of. It should not be Benton County's role to enable these principles to be violated.

Specifics: I live down wind (and possibly down-water) from the landfill. I am ashamed that I am only now waking up to see the mountain of trash piling up, the increasing number of days of smell and sound pollution, and the special risks to the health of families with small children.

In a time of increasing risks of fire and (possibly) earthquake disasters, I also oppose the certain need to close the road between the north and south sides of this proposed mega-dump.

Please confirm your previous decision and deny the application of Republic Services to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill.

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