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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Kathleen Rochester of 1480 NW Meadowgreen Place, Corvallis OR 97330.

I am writing because I strongly oppose expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. The Planning Commission spent untold hours researching, reading and hearing citizen testimony and, following their conclusions, you unanimously found that Republic Services had not met the burden of proof and you denied their application. Please just respect the time and effort that your own Planning Commission and citizens have put in and uphold your decision. It was the right one.

I do not live within the area directly affected by the odor, noise and recreation issues, but I am nonetheless concerned by any irreversible change to the character of my community. This expansion will seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

This expansion will also impose an undue burden on public resources far into the future, also violating Benton County code.

Code violations aside, I'm disappointed that by pursuing this expansion, **the County is ignoring its own 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative**. I thought that our county leadership would try to truly represent our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management, as expressed in the 2040 Initiative.

This expansion would instead produce more leachate, polluting the river, more unhealthy odor, interfere more with wildlife passage and grazing and have long term climate consequences as a result of increased methane.

I believe Benton County should invest in waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy solutions, not expanding landfills that perpetuate pollution and place a long-term burden on local communities! Particularly now, in this era of much reduced Federal support for climate initiatives, I want to see our local community moving forward on this essential work.

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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