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Dear Planning Commission,

I urge you to take this opportunity to be an environmental champion & create a healthier future for Benton County by opposing LU-24-027. Don't we owe it to our children & grandchildren to give them a better, healthier place to live in the future? Please think long term.

My name is Jo Ann Casselberry. I live at 751 SE Alexander Ave, Corvallis OR.
I oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill (LU-24-027) & urge you to oppose it as well.

I know that many others have provided testimony about the science of the negative environmental impacts of expanding this landfill operation. A case has been made that the Landfill Expansion does not meet the required Land Use Criteria.

We stand at a crossroads where the reduction of methane gases provides an opportunity to make a large positive impact to slow climate change. **Don't we owe it to our children & grandchildren to take this opportunity to make Benton County a better, healthier place to live in the future?** Isn't clean air & clean water a core value of the Benton County Comprehensive Plan? (See 6.1.2, 6.1.4, 6.3.1, etc.)

At this point the Coffin Butte Landfill has large methane plumes. There appears to be no effort or enforcement to reduce these methane emissions. It seems extremely unwise to allow for them to get even larger, thereby rapidly degrading the air & water quality of the Corvallis area. It makes no sense.

It appears to me that the only motivation to expand the landfill would be the short term financial benefit. Of course that is a temptation. But **please think long term!** No amount of extra money now is going to help future generations when they cannot breathe the air or drink the water. **I urge you to take this opportunity to be an environmental champion & create a healthier future for Benton County by opposing LU-24-027.**

Thank you.
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