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This is my testimony against the expansion of Coffin Butte landfill for the Benton County Commissioners meeting on April 29.

Landfills need substantive regulation and robust monitoring. They emit mixes of biogas and bioaerosols, they are a breeding ground for disease vectors, and they can discharge leachate into the area ground water supply. Communities that host these facilities can see increased incidences of cancer and respiratory diseases. And then there are the environmental impacts.

I am firmly opposed to this expansion. There are many reasons, which I am sure you are aware of, but my major issue is that the landfill has not been adequately monitored or regulated in the past and is even less likely to be effectively monitored or regulated by the state now that the Trump administration is cutting funding to states and appears uninterested in protecting the health and welfare of our citizens. I hope that my county commissioners do care about our health and welfare and will reject this application.

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