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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Goode and I am the Secretary for Bit by Bit, a local non-profit located at 38578 OR-99W, Corvallis, OR 97330. We are an equine therapy non-profit that provides care for clients, volunteers and over 600 people community members in Benton, Linn and Lane counties on an annual basis.

I am writing because I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

The proposed expansion would **seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area** and impose **an undue burden on public resources**, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). Specifically, this expansion raises major concerns about:

- **Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

The proposed expansion does nothing to align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*. As we strive to continue our work at the non-profit, we find the expansion a threat to our continued work in the community. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management. Our non-profit does therapy outdoors for our clients just a few miles from the current location of the landfill, however with this possible expansion we are concerned we would need to relocate if this expansion goes through because the health of our clients, therapy horses and volunteers would be harmed.

I believe this plan to expand the landfill places a long-term burden on local communities, and could force us to relocate out of the county, removing a source of therapy for over 600 community members.

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,
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