From: <u>Community Development, Benton County, Oregon</u>

To: Benton Public Comment

Subject: LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Feedback

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Subject of Testimony: Please don't expand Coffin Butte Landfill

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Written Testimony:

Dear Planning Commission,

I want to write to express my opposition to the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. I'm concerned about the landfill polluting local ground water sources nearby. I'm also concerned about noxious and unpleasant smells that come from the landfill. I don't think they are benign as Republic Services suggests. Too much garbage is coming into the landfill. It's not surprising that there are such terrible smells coming from it. Please don't allow Republic Services to expand things so they can just bring in more garbage.

Lastly, I'm sure Republic Services would say they own the landfill, they can do what they want, but it's not right for so much garbage from other counties to come to Benton County. It doesn't help Benton County. It hurts Benton County. The waste needs to go to a drier area of Oregon where there isn't so much rain. If Coffin Butte isn't expanded, then it won't be able to take in more garbage, which will be a good thing for Benton County. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely, Nathan Looney

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