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To: Benton County Planning Commissions
RE: LU-24-027

My name is Cynthia Clapp and I am officially submitting my strong request to OPPOSE LU-24-027.

I live on Brenneman Lane at the base of Tampico Ridge, aka Poison Oak Hill, that directly borders the proposed expansion. I have lived in my home for over 40 years and have witnessed firsthand the massive change of the landfill and its “interference with the character of the area” and have personally experienced the demise regarding the quality and use of my home which “seriously interferes with uses on adjacent property” BCC 215(1), supportive example below. Approving the expansion proposal will only exponentially continue the deterioration of this area and increase the safety and health risks.

- Water contamination from the landfill is one of the many concerns. My property uses a spring fed system located on Tampico Ridge to supply water for our livestock and to irrigate our garden and plants and a well for drinking and household use. The risk of groundwater contamination from the landfill leachate is evident.
- I’ve seen the printed documentation of the methane gas plume extending over a mile above our property. The stench alone is enough to drive us indoors and even then the toxic odor finds it way inside. What are we breathing?
- I pick up a pile of garbage on the hill weekly that not only is an eyesore but threatens the wildlife and grazing cattle.
- Plans for my son and his family to take over the property have been called off as the risks for their health and safety are already too high. Selling my home instead will be wrought with obstacles let alone my own struggling conscience.

The concerns of the Coffin Butte Landfill as it exists now, let alone with the impending expansion, are numerous, complicated, and filled with unknowns. We need to act responsibly and finally call an end to the misuse of this land. I would gratefully appreciate your devout consideration to OPPOSE the expansion, once and for all.

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