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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Mai Kiigemagi and I live at 2660 NW Linnan Circle, Corvallis, Oregon.

I am writing because I strongly oppose the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. I urge the commissioners to vote NO.

The landfill at its current size negatively impacts wildlife habitat in the area. It will only get worse with the expansion. The landfill attracts great numbers of scavenging birds such as crows, ravens, gulls, and starlings. These birds compete for nesting cavities with endangered songbirds, and also predate on eggs and nestlings. Two species of concern, the Oregon Vesper Sparrow and the Streaked Horned Lark, could live in this area, but don't, due to the large numbers of scavengers. Additionally, Great Blue Herons have been nesting in the area for many years. The proposed expansion extends into their current nesting area, which would have a serious impact.

These concerns relate directly to the Benton County Comprehensive Plan 5.9.4: "In making land use decisions, Benton County shall protect identified sensitive wildlife habitat types and wildlife corridors from adverse impacts."

Benton County Code 53.215(1) states "The proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area." Providing wildlife habitat is certainly one of the characters of the area, with which the landfill expansion would most definitely interfere.

Please reject LU-24-027.

Sincerely,
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