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Hello Planning Commission,

I am writing to state my opposition to the application file number: LU-24-027, the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. Thank you for taking the time to consider this difficult conversation.

In addition to sharing the many voiced concerns about the environmental impacts of the expansion, I am directly impacted by the expansion by way of Bit by Bit Stables, which is located adjacent to the proposed growth boundaries.

Bit by Bit is a stable that offers Adaptive Riding Instruction and Equine Therapy. They work with many clients who have sensory and nervous system sensitivities. The noise, smell, and discharged debris (which has fallen on the barn), creates an undue stress to the riders and interferes with the benefits gained from their therapeutic ride, and in some cases they are unable to ride because of the unpredictability of the impact.

While working with clients who have vulnerable needs, the horses need to be relaxed themselves; and again, the added unpredictability of the noise, smell, and debris, interferes with the horses own predictability, putting the barn in a tough spot. Thus, with both of these in context, the expansion would seriously interfere with the use on an adjacent property [Benton County Code 53.215 (1)].

I have personally witnessed and experienced the tremendous work and result of this barn; my daughter rides with them, and so do dozens of other young people. This expansion has great potential to negatively impact her, and their, experience while riding, as well as the barn's ability to offer a gentle, sensory supportive, therapeutic ride. So at this time, until more proactive clarity and planning is outlined to the community, as a community member, I oppose the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill.

with regard,
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