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Greetings!

My name is Mark Taratoot, and I live in a house I own in Benton County at 570 SE Chester Avenue. I urge you to deny the request for expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Again!

The owners of this landfill are not concerned about the welfare of the people who live in Benton County or any of the flora and fauna we share existence with. Their goal is to maximize their own wealth at our expense.

This landfill would not need an expansion if it were used only for the local region. Many people in Benton County work hard to minimize the waste we send to the landfill because there is no "away." We recognize we each have responsibility to provide a healthy environment for our neighbors. The landfill accepts waste from far away - even from other states. We have no way to know if other communities care about waste reduction or merely paying less to dispose of their cast-offs. When a truck dumps at the landfill, the owners of the landfill are enriched. When a truck dumps at the landfill, the residents of Benton County are impoverished. When a truck from hundreds of miles away dumps at the landfill, the residents of Benton County are impoverished even more.

Please deny this application. Again. If this application comes back yet another time, deny it over and over and over.

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Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you. -Wendell Berry