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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition of LU-24-027, the application to expand the landfill.

My name is Sean Batchelor and I live at 37630 Soap Creek Road. My wife and I have recently moved to the area from out of state, drawn here by the natural beauty of this valley and the strong sense of community. We are aspiring homesteaders and care deeply for the environment and our local resources.

After learning about the proposed landfill expansion, we have become quite worried about the future of this valley where we have decided to plant roots and call our new home. This expansion would severely interfere with the character of the valley. We have already suffered days dealing with the lingering stench of waste. How much worse will it get? What about the possible impact to the water table? To the local wildlife?

In fact, this expansion seems in direct contrast to the statewide goals promoted in the Benton County Comprehensive Plan: "to maintain and improve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state."

We thought we were moving to a part of the country that values investment in environmental preservation over corporate greed. I hope we were not mistaken.

Please join me in opposing this landfill expansion, with the goal of keeping this valley beautiful for years to come.

Regards,

Sean Batchelor