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Subject of Testimony: Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

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Written Testimony:

Testimony Opposing the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

Presented to the Benton County Planning Commission

Good Morning, Commissioners,

My name is Anne Tanner, and I live in Corvallis, here in Benton County. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today in strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill Lu-24-027.

This issue is deeply personal for my family. My husband suffers from Long Term COVID, and I have asthma. For us, clean air is not just a preference—it's a necessity. The persistent odors and methane leaks reported at Coffin Butte are not abstract concerns; they directly affect our daily lives and our health. The idea of expanding a landfill that has already been cited for excessive methane emissions that they have not addressed is alarming. Beyond human health, we're also deeply concerned about the wildlife in this region. The landfill already disrupts local ecosystems, and expansion would only increase the harm. Benton County is home to diverse species that depend on stable habitats. As stewards of this land, we have a responsibility to preserve that natural balance—not disrupt it further for more waste.

When we moved here, we believed we were joining a community that prioritized sustainable living and environmental care. The continuous efforts to expand the landfill—despite health risks, odor complaints, and methane violations—run counter to that vision.

Given the documented environmental hazards, health risks, and negative impacts on community development, I urge the Planning Commission to deny the Conditional Use Permit for the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion. Our community deserves sustainable solutions that prioritize public health and environmental integrity over short-term convenience. I urge you to listen to the residents who live with the consequences of this facility every day. Thank you for your time.

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