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Planning Commission,

As a resident of Benton County, I strongly oppose the expansion of the landfill. If this CUP is approved, it will interfere with the character of the area for our community, which would violate Benton County Code (BCC) 53.215(1). The expansion would adversely and significantly affect the local environment. For example, removal of a large amount of soil on the south side of Coffin Butte Road would violate both BCC 53.215 (1) and BCC 53.215(2).

The high volume of rainfall and the porous soils can result in more of the detrimental landfill effects pertaining to methane and leachate. A major concern regarding the leachate that is produced by the Coffin Butte dump is that some makes it way to our Willamette River, without adequate filtering for chemicals such as PFAS. I understand such chemicals have been deemed a health hazard. This could be bad for our county residents, as well as others in the watershed. Therefore, allowing the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill would violate BCC 53.215(1) by interfering with the character of this area in our community. Adverse effects on wetland habitats in this network would appear to go against Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.2.1 and 5.7.4

My family has also hiked and bird watched in the E.E. Wilson area since we moved back to Corvallis in 1990. Further expansion of the landfill would likely exacerbate existing odors and habitat changes due to the landfill that have made the area less appealing over time for those wanting to enjoy the outdoors. The expansion would further impair our environment and affect the attractiveness of nearby natural areas, and seems inconsistent with Benton County Comprehensive Plan policies 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.7.4.

Overall, as I have learned more about the landfill expansion proposal, it has reinforced my concerns about an expansion and I urge you to deny the CUP application.

Thanks for your consideration of my input.

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