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My name is Carol Searls. I live in Iowa City, Iowa however I frequently travel to Benton County as my son, James Searls, lives adjacent to Coffin Butte at 38538 Hwy 99W, Corvallis. My son has lived in your community for the past 14 years, most recently at his current residence for 9 years. He has worked very hard to establish a home safe for his son and himself. His small business Smile Farm is just getting started at this location.

Your proposed expansion (LU-24-027) will create a number of concerns for this area and its residents. Already there is the air quality concern for area residents as well as smell from the already existing landfill. As I understand it there is also a concern about run off from the expansion. My son lives south of the existing facility and expanding it would cause some concerns for water quality for his family, his animals and growing applications. His neighbors run a wonderful therapy animal business and I have concerns for them as well. I believe that all Oregon residents enjoy the wildlife surrounding your beautiful state and this expansion would endanger their habitat, Forcing them to move, as well as litter encroaching in their wildlife home. There is always a concern for possible fire with a facility like this and expanding will make that much more viable. My son moved out to Oregon to enjoy all the amenities of your state, and this is threatening his neighbors and his own homestead, the home he has worked hard to establish and the livelihood he enjoys. My husband and I visit frequently and look forward to enjoying our visits. My husband's health concerns will make visiting more difficult if this expansion goes through. I already worry about my son and his son. I know that many families will be impacted by your decision to expand. Please consider all. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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