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To: Benton County Planning Commission
From: Barbara Grant, 420 NW 35th St., Corvallis
Re: Opposition to Coffin Butte Landfill expansion

I am writing to vehemently oppose the conditional use application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. The application clearly does not meet 53.215 Criteria because no evidence is or can be provided to assure that the proposed use will not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone. The stench and air quality, already poor due to the current size of the landfill, will undoubtedly become worse if the landfill enlarges. The methane and toxins emitted restrict local residents from recreating outdoors, present a hardship to farmers trying to hire workers, contaminate land, water, and air, and reduce property value. Who would want to buy property in this beautiful part of the Valley when the air quality is so unhealthy and bound to worsen if the landfill is allowed to expand? Driving by the landfill from the north access road to Corvallis, Highway 99W, is not only an eyesore and certainly not welcoming to visitors to the City, but also is clogged with trucks going to and from the dump, causing undue wear and tear on the (taxpayer funded!) roads, thus presenting an undue burden.

I have lived in Corvallis for 41 years, enjoyed its quality of life, and take pride in knowing Benton County has a Comprehensive Plan to preserve the quality of life and responsible land use in the future. The County's Plan and codes should be used to guide the Planning Commission in their decisions. It is quite clear that the application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill violates numerous goals of the Comprehensive Plan. When I learned that 90% of the contents of Coffin Butte Landfill is trucked in from other counties, I was appalled. No wonder that landfill has become enormous, creating an environmental and financial liability to our County.

I urge the Planning Commission to vote according to its own criteria for conditional use authorization and acknowledge the inadequacy of this application to meet these wise and necessary criteria. Please protect Benton County by voting NO on this application.