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To Honorable Members of the Benton County Planning Commission,

I strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill (LU-24-027). My family lives at 3215 NW Crest Dr in Corvallis and we enjoy spending free time in recreation areas near the landfill, including EE Wilson, Peavy Arboretum, the Benton County Aerodrome, and Adair Park. I believe this expansion will significantly harm our quality of life and the broader community, failing to meet Benton County Code 53.215 and contradicting the values of the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative.

This expansion negatively impacts our community by:

***Increasing traffic and noise:** More trucks will disrupt the peace and rural character of the area.

***Threatening air quality:** Expanded operations will likely worsen odors and air pollution, impacting our health and outdoor enjoyment. Mitigation is unlikely to fully resolve these issues.

***Diminishing property values:** The landfill's growth will deter buyers and devalue surrounding properties.

***Destroying rural character:** This industrial expansion clashes with the agricultural and residential nature of Benton County, a character your plan aims to protect.

Furthermore, the expansion places an undue burden on public resources:

***Risking water resources:** A larger landfill increases the potential for leaks and contamination, requiring costly public remediation.

***Degrading road infrastructure:** Increased heavy truck traffic will accelerate road damage, demanding more taxpayer money for repairs.

***Straining emergency services:** More truck traffic elevates accident risks, diverting emergency resources.

This proposal fundamentally opposes the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative's core values:

***Environmental Stewardship:** Landfill expansion is unsustainable and environmentally risky. It contradicts the initiative's goal of protecting and enhancing our natural resources for future generations.

***Community Well-being:** Negative impacts on air, noise, traffic, and property values undermine residents' quality of life.

***Sustainable Economic Vitality:** Long-term environmental and quality-of-life issues may outweigh any short-term economic benefits.

Mitigation measures are insufficient to address these significant negative impacts. Therefore, I urge the Planning Commission to reject permit application LU-24-027. Prioritizing residents'

well-being and our community's character is paramount.

Sincerely,
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