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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to the proposed landfill expansion and to urge you to deny the associated Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027. We live on Tampico Road approximately 1 mile south of the proposed landfill expansion. We rely on a domestic well for drinking water and to water fruits and vegetables that we consume, and we are deeply concerned about the potential impacts that the landfill expansion will have on local water and air quality. These concerns and impacts have not been adequately addressed by the applicant. We also have serious concerns about increased traffic, increased noise pollution and offensive odors, increased fire danger, diminished or lost recreational and wellness activities and impacts to fish and wildlife due to contamination and loss of habitat. Expanding the landfill footprint will absolutely interfere with the uses of adjacent properties and the character of the surrounding area, and has great potential to decrease our property values and quality of life. We have invested in a future of living in a rural community where we could commit to home and property improvements, contributing to the collective spirit of our neighborhood. This expansion can kill this vision and sense of community in which we have invested. We understand that finding a sustainable solution to waste disposal in Benton County is a problem that we must collectively solve, but turning Benton County into the dumping grounds for a large portion of the state is not a reasonable or forward-thinking answer.

Thank you,

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