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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to any kind of expansion under any kind of description of Coffin Butte landfill. Our air and climate are being polluted at unsafe levels, there have been EPA violations and extremely high levels of methane leaks, our waters, if not already polluted are threatened with toxic leachates from the landfill. This is not suitable land for such a major landfill that already exists, much less so when increasing its capacity. The public has repeatedly complained and yet you still accept the wooing of the corporations, driven by the desire for more money. Trading money for our health and for the health of the land and all its inhabitants is wrong. We must reduce our trash, stop producing plastic disposables, find other solutions and this has been pursued successfully in many places.

I already have (supposedly "safe" levels so far) lead and who knows what else in my well water. I already smell the methane stink of the dump on foggy mornings. I already reduce my trash production drastically. I'm already happy to pay taxes for necessities like roads and schools. I'm asking you to represent me and many more of us and keep our air and water clean. Stop compromising our children's futures for money. There are other ways to exist that take care of one another and the land.

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