From: Community Development, Benton County, Oregon

To: <u>Benton Public Comment</u>

Subject: LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Feedback

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Subject of Testimony: Oppose/Deny LU-24-027

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Written Testimony:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion application (LU-24-027).

Approving this expansion would significantly increase air and water pollution, exacerbate long-term environmental and climate challenges, and threaten local ecosystems. The resulting rise in noxious odors and noise would also negatively impact public health and diminish the quality of life for nearby residents.

This proposal is inconsistent with Benton County's stated commitments to environmental stewardship, public health, and sustainable waste management. Expanding the landfill is not a responsible or forward-looking solution—it deepens our reliance on polluting systems and places an enduring burden on future generations.

I urge you to reject LU-24-027 and to support alternatives that reflect our community's values and protect our shared environment.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Nicolas Gold

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