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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners:

I am writing because I oppose the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion application, LU-24-027. This expansion would increase air and water pollution and create long-term climate and environmental issues, in part by threatening local ecosystems. The increased noxious odors and noise would also degrade community health and quality of life.

This expansion undermines Benton County's goals of responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

Thank you,

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