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LU-24-027 Written testimony against the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Our family has been enjoying recreational opportunities in Dunn and McDonald forests for over 20 years. The wind NW winds bring hazardous air pollutants toward our hiking and MTB trails from the landfill, causing eye and headaches, especially when they are combined with smoke from our frequent wildfires during summer. The nearby small business owners will lose their customers in these already financially challenging times. My blueberries from the Andersons Blues Blueberries, we pick up the berries ourselves. The expansion of the landfill further risking contamination of groundwater with Leachate. The hazardous air pollutants, methane and sulfides can be detected as of today, our Benton County's waste management services for a large portion of all waste to be delivered to the neighboring counties. The proposed expansion only increase the unfair burden on Benton County payers.

The community of a nearby ADAIR Village has already exposed to the methane emissions, besides, breaking down organic compounds. The health of the entire community is apparently overlooked in 2 of the outside businesses' interests. The groundwater contamination is very likely to reach nearby Willamette River, which is already polluted with commercial pollutants, agricultural fertilizers, mudslides. The Wild Life Habitat is shrinking as it is due to the logging and development in the area close to McDonalds Dunn forests. The expansion with its increased risk will cause more air and noise pollution. We need to stop any expansion of the Coffin Butte