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To Whom it may Concern:

Attached please find my testimony for the LU-24-027 Public Record, specifically for inclusion in the Responsive Open Record Period of the Board of Commissioners Reconsideration Record.

Thank you,
Debbie Palmer
(address provided in testimony)

Dear Chair Malone and Commissioners Shepherd and Wyse,

This is in response to David Coulombe's testimony (Record ID: BOC4_T0781) submitted during the First Open Record period of the Reconsideration Record.

In his testimony, he writes:

*"...the Applicant has not been forthcoming and has not accurately detailed its compliance efforts and current standing with respect to its regulatory obligations. Those **inaccuracies are significant, substantial and cast a disturbing cloud of doubt over the Applicant's proffered studies, data and argument** such that the Board is now clearly unable to make a substantial evidence finding in favor of the Applicant as regards the applicable CUP criteria."* (bold emphasis = mine)

How can you in good conscience REWARD Republic Services/VLI with this new landfill/expansion when they have demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that they are not good stewards, and have no regard for the public, the environment, or Benton County and the regulatory agencies DEQ and EPA?

Granting approval of their application would be tantamount to *rewarding bad behavior*, and just encourage them further.

Don't reward bad behavior. Put a stop to this now. This will be your legacy; are you sure you want this landfill to be your legacy if you approve? Because it will be.

Please - use your discretionary authority and the "decision-making tools available to you by law" spelled out in David Coulombe's testimony, combined with the objective findings described in DEQ's PEN – and/or any number of additional arguments and findings provided in numerous other testimonies submitted in the First Open Record period – to **deny** Republic/VLI's application LU-24-027.

Some particularly useful testimonies you might use in this regard are:

- Jeffrey L. Kleinman (Record ID: BC04_T0800)
- David Patte (Record ID: BC04_T0764)
- Nancy Whitcombe (Record ID: BC04_T0767)
- Janet Ohmann (Record ID: BC04_T0780)
- Faye Yoshihara (Record ID: BC04_T0778)
- Paul Nietfeld (Record ID: BC04_T0783, pg. 6 of 9, "Conclusion")
- Peg Herring (Record ID: BC04_T0752) *Peg provides multiple examples of evidence in the record that can be used as findings to deny.*
- And of course Erin Bradley of Bit by Bit Horse Therapy (Record ID: BC04_T0794). *If this is not serious interference with uses on adjacent property [BCC 53.215 (1)], I don't know what is.*

Respectfully submitted,
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