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I am opposed to expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill and ask you to NOT support Republic Services or its continuing expansion efforts at Coffin Butte for the following reasons. Landfill Timeline: Benton County is guaranteed waste disposal services through 2040 regardless of an expansion. Raising Garbage Rates: Republic Services cannot raise garbage rates without the approval of local governments, including both cities and counties. Benton County Foots the Bill: Hosting the landfill is not a good deal for residents. Benton County residents pay more for garbage than any other neighboring county! Coffin Butte is EPA Noncompliant: Coffin Butte Landfill is still under investigation by the EPA for violating the Clean Air Act. Expansion is Short-Sighted: Expanding the landfill will actually shorten the landfill's lifespan because an expansion removes the annual cap, allowing for Republic Services to take in as much waste as they want. Expansion Opposition is Bipartisan: Many local organizations oppose the expansion including Benton County Democrats, Benton County Republicans, Linn-Benton Green Party, League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, and Willamette Riverkeepers. Thank you for considering my comment.