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Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners,

As someone who has lived in Corvallis for almost 25 years, I want to go on record as opposing any expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill by Republic Services or any future entity.

I urge you to uphold the Planning Commission denial of Republic Services' application to expand. I also urge you to do what it takes to stop accepting waste from counties other than Benton and Linn counties. Hauling waste from more distant locales is the reason our landfill has been filling up more quickly and it harms our ability to reach our climate goals locally and state-wide by producing higher levels of greenhouse gases.

I have spent the past 20 years contributing to local efforts to reduce climate change by acting locally. I have taught at the college and university level about how we can reduce human-caused harm to ecosystems and how to live more sustainably. I hope Benton County and our local communities will partner with us to reduce the amount of waste we produce, the amount we accept from afar, and the amount of transportation-caused climate damaging greenhouse gases produced by the trucks hauling trash. The landfill itself is producing more toxic gases than its permit allows and the leachate has no place in our rivers and watersheds.

Thank you very much for upholding local values and being a partner in protecting our local environment for the sake of all its inhabitants.

Sincerely,

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