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Subject: Oppose/Deny LU-24-027

Dear Benton Board of Commissioners,

My name is Joe Crockett and I live at 37609 Soap Creek Road, Corvallis, 97330

I am writing because I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Board of Commissioners to deny this application.

I would like to point out to the Commissioners that on March 8, 1983*, forty two years ago, the Benton County Planning Commission, the Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Council, and the North Benton Citizens Advisory Committee all made an approval for the expansion of Coffin Butte on the condition that there be "No disposal of municipal solid waste on the 59.23 acre parcel south of Coffin Butte Road." They went on to state that the Staff has recommended ... "The property south of Coffin Butte Road cannot be utilized for landfill unless approval is granted by the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing."

Also, in that document, it states that:

"The Coffin Butte site shall be designated as a regional landfill serving a geographic area including Linn, Polk and Benton Counties."
and...

"The Benton County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners shall not allow any new expansion of the present Coffin Butte landfill service area."

Other important insights are part of the document:

- Valley Landfill, Inc., Corvallis Disposal Company and all waste related service providers should submit an annual plan or status report and continue to work toward a waste reduction and recovery system through education.
- A designated percentage of the annual County franchise fee should be used for educational and promotional programs on waste reduction and recycling emphasizing methods in which individuals and businesses can reduce, or utilize recoverable materials whose present destination is the landfill.

- Periodic public agency or private industry reports shall be made to the Board of Commissioners reviewing Coffin Butte and the Corvallis demolition landfill environmental conditions.

Since the previous expansion request, thousands of dollars have been spent trying to revisit the challenges of having a landfill in Benton County's backyard. But these challenges have been here for decades and solutions were addressed in writing years ago but never implemented. Those in power have never done the hard work of bringing the ideas that were written down to fruition. We had a solution to expanding the life of the landfill 40+ years ago. Because of our inaction, we are now left dealing with the threat that we're running out of room.

The expansion crises has been manufactured by profits and greed not sound waste management decisions. We have no one to blame but ourselves. We came up with solutions decades ago but kept kicking the can down the road. We've finally come to a dead end.

Forty two years ago, the Planning Commission made the expansion of the landfill south of Coffin Butte Road off limits. Their written recommendations for managing waste, funding education, and periodic reporting were only hollow words without action. The answer to these problems is not expansion. The answer is to deny expansion and to implement and enforce the actions that were identified 4 decades ago. Putting conditions on an expansion approval will be just more words on paper. Deny the expansion and move forward with actions that will protect the health and future of Benton County. Please reject LU-24-027.

Sincerely,

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