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Good morning,

I also encourage all to look at coffinbuttefacts.org and listen to the interviews of Ken Ecklund of Soap Creek and Mason Leavitt of Beyond Toxics, and OPB articles regarding the environmental law violations by Coffin Butte. Both Ken and Mason were recently interviewed by a Salem radio station and the program was informative.

Dear Ms. Newton, Benton County
Commissioners, Benton County
Planning Commissioners, and City of
Albany Representatives and Council
Members:

My name is Ann Yost and I live in North Albany, Oregon with my family in often direct SMELL of the fumes/toxic air emitted from Coffin Butte landfill. I drive on Highway 20 on a daily basis during the workweek and see all the GARBAGE littering the roadways and drainage areas!

It's a mess and continues to alarm me that so much garbage is strewn alongside Highway 20 from North Albany all the way to the dump. I have contacted Republic about the trash and will do so again. While commuting on Highway 20 I pass the semi's with the toxic PFAS being transported from the landfill to be dumped in our waterways? Why are

we allowing this?

Every day at our home in North Albany we strive to minimize waste, we compost, grow a lot of our own food, avoid buying plastic, and work at minimizing trash. We work to make that happen, to recycle, to avoid purchasing things that will be used once and then become trash.

I am very disappointed that Benton County is receiving money in exchange for Republic Services removing and transporting toxic sludge, PFAS to dump in our waterways. This seems criminal and presents a public health nuisance past and presently.

I strongly oppose any appeal by Republic Services' with regard to their Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge my representatives, the BC Commissioners, the Planning Commission to immediately DENY this application and appeal.

The proposed expansion would **seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area** and impose **an undue burden on public resources**, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). Specifically, this expansion raises major concerns that are already happening including but not limited to:

- **ALREADY - Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **ALREADY Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **ALREADY Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **NOW Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

The proposed expansion does nothing to align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

I believe Benton County should invest in waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy solutions, not expanding landfills that perpetuate pollution and place a long-term burden on local communities!

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

John Dearing wrote a good piece in the Gazette Times I would

encourage you all to read it.

Sincerely,
Ann Yost, JD

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