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To Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone, and Shepherd:

I live in Adair Village, very close to the current Coffin Butte Landfill. I am a public school teacher in Polk County and a landowner in Benton County. I have lived in Benton County for 20 years, and I have children growing up here in the valley. We love and support this community. I have had ongoing concerns about the landfill for years. I oppose the expansion, and I urge you to **vote NO on the** landfill expansion (application file number: **LU-24-027**)

Why do I oppose this expansion? I've smelled the landfill on stinky days when I step out of my front door or am just driving by on Highway 99W. Adair drinking water includes leachate that is not effectively filtered out from the Corvallis wastewater treatment plant or the Adair water treatment plant. Having a landfill in such a wet area and so close to a growing community is a public health risk. I am concerned about the soil and drinking water, and there is widespread consensus on this concern (including Benton County Democratic Party, the Benton County Republican Party, and the Green Party). The Benton County Planning Commission had a unanimous vote to oppose the expansion. Additionally, there is increased fire risk with the leaking methane gas. This means that the proposed expansion interferes with adjacent property and the character of the area (Benton County Code 53.215).

The landfill is not properly managed, and is not healthy for our community. Leaks are not repaired and continue to be an issue. The Environmental Protection Agency has an investigation for violations of the Clean Air Act. If Republic Services can't manage the current landfill, how can they be trusted to manage more?

I am very concerned about my property value decreasing by adding to the current landfill. I am concerned about my family and my community being exposed to leachate and methane gas. There are viable alternatives such as having a landfill in the much dryer climate of Gilliam County with a much smaller population and virtually no rain. No leachate leaves this site.

We need to invest in waste diversion. There is plenty of time to put plans in place as the current landfill has 12-14 years of capacity left. This proposed expansion puts an undue burden on our county (Benton County Code 53.215). Only 7% of the landfill comes from Benton county, and we have no control over where the waste comes from. Currently there is a tonnage cap of 1.1 million, but there has been no audit to keep this in check. With the expansion, it will remove this cap. There are too many major unanswered questions. Again, I urge you to do what is best for Corvallis and Benton County and to oppose the landfill expansion.

Sincerely,

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