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From: Kim K Jones
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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

I am writing because I strongly oppose any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill and urge you to uphold your Planning Commission's unanimous denial of LU-24-027, Republic Services' application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. The Planning Commission carefully considered all evidence provided by the applicant, as well as considerable testimony, and concluded unanimously that the application did not meet the required Burden of Proof.

I am a Benton County resident with friends in Soap Creek valley and in Adair. I also recreate multiple times a week in MacDonald/Dunn forests year-round and hunt upland birds and waterfowl at E. E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area in the fall and winter which is immediately downslope and downstream of the Coffin Butte landfill.

The proposed expansion will 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). The applicant does not adequately address major concerns that affect my family which includes:

- **Uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS** that threaten the local watershed, community health, nearby residents, and local users of the surrounding area.
- **Traffic increases, particularly semi-trucks** that pose safety risks on nearby highways, roads and bike paths
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for locals and recreational users
- **Litter** on roadsides, E.E.Wilson Wildlife Management Area, and other private property
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**, particularly on the MacDonald/Dunn forests, aquatic life in Soap Creek, birds and wildlife in Soap Creek valley including the local elk herd, and birds, particularly waterfowl on E. E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area.

The proposed expansion also does not align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative* core values. The existing landfill *already undermines* our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste

management; an expanded landfill would not change this metric. Republic Services is no longer a good neighbor for Benton County; they have decided to literally transform our beautiful county into a dump.

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

Sincerely,

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