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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Andrea Seavers, and I live at 1180 NW Overlook in Lewisburg.

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. It is difficult to believe that Republic Services has the gall to appeal that unanimous denial, or to pretend that the many hours and pages of residents' testimony is inconsequential; yet here we are.

As a longtime Corvallis resident, parent, and avid hiker, I can attest that 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). There are many days when even from several miles away, we can smell the landfill's toxic stench. The applicant does not adequately address major concerns about:

- **Uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS** that threaten local and global ecosystems and community health
- **Massive quantities of leachate trucked offsite** (40 million gallons in 2024) containing PFAS and other toxic industrial chemicals that end up in our waterways and generate PFAS-laden biosolids which are spread on land
- **Potential catastrophic fire danger** from ignition sources inside and outside the landfill (after-hours/unmonitored hot loads, equipment fires) (windblown wildfire embers, lightning strikes) catching uncontrolled methane leaks on fire
- **Undue burden on local fire department health and safety** (to fight landfill fires) **and community** (to monitor and report fires after hours – even on red flag days)
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby highways, roads and bike paths
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors alike
- **Litter** on roadsides, farmers fields, pastures and other private property
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

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.

These are not minor issues. Do we want Benton County to have a reputation for agritourism, outdoor recreation, clean air and water, high tech and higher education? Or will Benton County be the bane and laughingstock of the West for its gargantuan landfill?

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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