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Dear Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. This request has been unanimously denied by the Land Use Planning Committee twice. Their job was to explore all the information and concluded that Republic Services failed the test of "Burden of Proof". We should be finished with this conversation. The people of Benton County and the Planning Commission have spoken on this issue. I am trusting the three of you to do your jobs as elected officials and uphold their decision.

This landfill already has a detrimental environmental impact which damages our community's health and well-being on multiple levels- poisoning the water of the Willamette, creating a stench that makes outdoor activities in the area unbearable, increasing trash on HWY 99, and damaging local wells. I know you are each aware of the testimony and evidence that numerous parties have delivered to the Planning Commission. We cannot let this damage continue at an increased rate and volume through the coming years. Our children and their children do not deserve the burden of this kind of clean-up in the future. We must act now. This is our responsibility.

I am disturbed that our county's time, energy and financial resources are being squandered by Republic Services in this legal process due to their unwillingness to take No for an answer.

I am a Benton County property tax payer and I vote. I would very much enjoy the pleasure of continuing to support each of you in your service to this community.

Most sincerely,

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