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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

My name is Kalli Gaddis. My address is: 875 Hickory Street NW, Albany, OR 97321. I have lived in Benton County on and off for over 36 years, residing at my current residence for almost 10 years. I was (until recently – due to business obligations) the Area Coordinator for my current neighborhood (Blossom Lane Neighborhood Watch, registered with the Albany Police Department).

Over the course of this time, I interacted regularly with neighbors in our subdivision for meetings, issues and general conversation; still do. I also interact (brief conversations) with tenants from the 46-unit apartment building in the subdivision when they walk by my home and I'm out gardening. The general question 'how are you?' usually begins the conversation. At times, many (along with our Watch neighbors) complain of ongoing respiratory issues (COPD, allergies, sensitivities to chemical smell, sinusitis, etc), stating it's a new condition or a previous condition worsening since they moved into this area. There are regular chemical smell issues (at least once a week) in our neighborhood. Those who are most sensitive stay indoors during these times, to keep symptoms at a minimum when little or no wind is available.

In addition to ongoing air quality issues, there are higher rates of cancer in Benton County, climbing to an all-time high in the past few years. I know two different doctors (who work in Benton County) who have mentioned recent statistics around this issue. They have stated Benton County currently has one of the highest rates of cancer in the Pacific Northwest.

I recently bought duck eggs from a family that lives on Hwy99, right at the edge of the landfill. These ducks are totally free-range; owners only provide a small pool of water for them. Their eggs have an almost a translucent appearance with slight blue streaks. The shells are very different (thinner and in color) from other duck eggs I've purchased at locations outside of Benton County. Those eggs were always white and thicker shelled. And, the Hwy 99 eggs tasted funny, so I didn't continue purchasing those eggs.

Having said all of that, 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.

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).

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

Sincerely,

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