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Please include the attached testimony in the record for LU-24-027.

Commissioners Malone, Shepherd and Wyse:

You have the authority and responsibility to make a discretionary decision to deny this application. An application with ~80 Conditions of Approval is an ALARM signal. In the past, conditions of approval for the landfill have not been followed by Republic Services/Valley Landfill, and have not been enforced by Benton County. Republic Services/Valley Landfill have not met the “burden of proof” to demonstrate that they can in fact, provide an environmentally safe facility that is compatible with the character of the surrounding area.

This landfill is a visual eyesore on our landscape and an environmental hazard for citizens. Benton County should move quickly to establish real solutions to solid waste reduction and disposal, rather than allowing further expansion of a toxic legacy for future generations.

Please deny LU-24-027.



Where is the promised “screening” and “natural landscape capping”? Will we look at ugly tarp covers for several more decades? Methane is being released to the air and contaminants are being added to the soil and water. These are already big problems, please do not let this get even worse.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Wheeler". The script is cursive and fluid.

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