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Dear Benton County Board of Commissioners:

I have lived in Benton County for over 30 years and in north Corvallis for over 25. I strongly oppose the planned expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill as this expansion request seems to be in direct violation of County Code 53.215 (1).

I am particularly concerned about property values in our area plummeting. This planned expansion will increase noise, odor, water pollution and fire risk – all issues which would “seriously interfere with the character or the area.” The fact that Republic Services has repeatedly violated environmental laws and conditions of approval is an added concern.

Please don’t make a short-term economic choice that will have devastating long-term economic consequences for our community. I do not want our beautiful Benton County to become the next Flint, Michigan. Do you?

Regards,
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