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Dear Benton County Commissioners Wyse, Malone and Shepherd,

As a resident of Benton County for 45 years who has been seeing our County not getting more beautiful but quite the reverse, I am writing because I strongly oppose any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill. Please 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. I attended every session online and was super impressed by the sensibility of the denial and of the planning commissioners themselves who synthesized vast amounts of information. The public, your public, with its many far ranging voices clearly doesn't want this expansion.

For all the already known reasons like: Uncontrolled landfill gas leaks containing methane and PFAS that threaten community health; Massive quantities of leachate trucked offsite; Potential catastrophic fire danger; Undue burden on local fire departments and our community; Heavy trucks on roads plus littering from these trucks; Awful Odor issues; and more, the proposed expansion needs a full stop NO.

I have participated in many County outreach sessions over the years now and am truly surprised that this expansion is even still on the table. It seems that Benton County wants to preserve its funding stream from Republic rather than serving the people of our County and positioning our County for a beautiful and prosperous future. Please show us, the people who voted for you, that you oppose the expansion, and uphold the Denial.

Thank you for your consideration and for doing the right thing to protect our County today and in the future.

Sincerely,
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P.S. This is insanely being debated, but just use your nose, the odors all the way to Walnut Blvd are already awful!