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To: <u>Coffin Butte Landfill Appeals</u>

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Benton County Board of Commissioners Nancy Wyse, Pat Malone and Gabe Shepherd.

My name is Kevin Kenaga I live in North Benton County in the beautiful Soap Creek Valley at 37461 Soap Creek Road.

I am writing today asking that you uphold the Benton County Planning Commission denial of LU -24-027. It has been four long years since Republic Services 2021 application to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill.

With the 2021 expansion application the closure of Coffin Butte Road was a major concern for the local community and Benton County residents that closure is still a concern. Although LU - 24-027 doesn't explicitly ask for the closure of Coffin Butte Road approval of this application gets Republic Services one step closer to their goal of closing and covering Coffin Butte Road in garbage.

Benton County code 53–215 criteria. The decision to approve a conditional used permit shall be based on findings that: 1) The proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone. 2) The proposed use does not impose an undue burden on public improvements, facilities, utilities, or services available to the area.

Republic Services Coffin Butte Landfill does seriously interfere with use on adjacent property as documented in a long history by neighbors inability to enjoy their properties with the stench of the landfill. And this stench now travels much further than the somewhat immediate area affecting residents and visitors in the city Corvallis. Character of the area is continually being degraded not merely by the existence of the landfill, but also by all the trash that spews from trucks full of garbage traveling on the haul routes to the landfill therefore seriously interfering with the character of the area. The traffic flow of semi trucks loaded with garage going to the landfill and leaving mostly empty then having the remaining trash blown onto our roads is certainly an undue burden on our public improvements.

By now all three of you have heard plenty of testimony opposing this landfill expansion. Please take into account the long term impacts of any further expansion of Republic Services Coffin Butte Landfill. The landfill has simply outgrown the area. Adair Village which appears to be the fastest growing community in Benton County is and has been negatively affected by the landfill. Growing our communities to provide housing is important for our county's tax revenue and any expansion is not good for Adair Village or Benton County.

As a concerned Benton County resident I ask you to uphold the Benton County Planning Commission's decision to deny LU-24-027.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kenaga