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Jenny Saarloos
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Dear County Commissioners,

Since learning about the magnitude of the garbage coming into the landfill I have been worried sick about the possibility of an expansion. We can not change the fact that the land fill is in operation. But the expansion must be stopped. We have garbage coming into this county from all over the state and beyond. We have no way of knowing what all that garbage consists of. There are private properties abutting the site. The conditions they are living with are something from (my idea of) a horror show.

Benton County Staff has found an answer to every problem the expansion poses. Agreeing with the applicant on most every point. Each concern has been explained away by lawyers and experts. The citizens of the county have been left with no voice. Most citizens don't have the deep pockets that Republic Services has. I'm heartbroken to see my fellow citizen's complaints and concerns written off as insignificant. Not rising to the level of serious.

But when seen in its totality the magnitude of the effects on the abutting properties and surrounding area is not sustainable for an expansion. The legacy of this beautiful place can not be sacrificed in order to become a mega dump. It seems clear that Republic has a foothold in this community and they will not let go. They are not going to stop trying to get the expansion and they will say absolutely anything (and pay as well) to get it.

I live by the hospital in Corvallis and I thought I might enjoy many more years here. But since realizing I am only seven miles from the landfill I have seriously felt like moving before property values here start to decline. My neighbor tells me that she sometimes smells the landfill from her house. My sense of smell is not so keen but I'm breathing in the toxins just the same.

Please do not throw the community under the garbage trucks! Please vote no and let Republic take this to the State level if they must. Hopefully there this expansion idea will end once and for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenny Saarloos', followed by a horizontal line.

Jenny Saarloos