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I'm writing today in favor of the conditional use permit submitted by Republic Services. Benton County has been on a long journey through the Benton Talks Trash workshops and the generation of the well thought out Sustainability Materials Management Plan. Continuing to host landfill services within the County will allow the next step of materials management and place Benton County as a leader in responsible resource management. We can be an example to the rest of the Pacific NW in responsible materials management but only if we have the leverage of hosting a landfill. We cannot expect that other counties will have the resources to do the heavy lifting already done in the materials management plan. Further, there is no viable alternative to hosting landfill services. Either garbage trucks will need to travel long distances (Eugene, Portland, or Bend) adding considerable costs, traffic, and emissions to what we have currently or new landfills will need to be built in counties that do not have the resources or skilled labor that Benton County does. While others may argue differently, our County is best equipped to host a landfill and should bear the moral responsibility of managing it effectively.

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