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I am writing to strongly urge you to deny any expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. Republic Services has expanded the acceptance of waste from the greater geographical area of Western Oregon so that the actual refuse from Benton County only amounts to about 7% of the volume. Republic Services has done a poor job of monitoring their release of methane gases, and to my knowledge they are in violation of those releases with the DEQ.

I know that Benton County receives \$3-4 million dollars in franchise fees, but this is a drop in the bucket for when Republic Services abandons the landfill and Benton County is the one responsible for paying the cleanup costs.

Coffin Butte needs to severely limit the amount o garbage being brought in by other cities and counties that are not local. We are paying the price for Republic Services, an Arizona corporation, operating and dictating the terms of how they are going to collect garbage in our local landfill.

Benton County needs to assert themselves and listen to the citizens that don't want this landfill to expand. Don't be swayed by the short term money that seems so alluring.

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