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I strongly believe we should DENY Republic Service's request to expand Coffin Butte Landfill.

I've been following this issue for a few years now and I'd like to understand the deal we currently have with Republic Services. They bring in garbage from all over the state, dump it on our land, make a tidy profit and when the landfill is full, they'll move on with their bank accounts full, looking for the next place where they can repeat this cycle.

What is Benton County getting out of this agreement? I can only presume it's money. How much money? And where is that money going? What is the benefit of this agreement for the citizens of Benton County? How will it impact future generations?

Whatever the calculus, I can't imagine that it is worth it. In my opinion, the contract with Republic Services is a bad one and should be renegotiated or ended as soon as soon as possible. We should not be accepting waste from other places. Let other municipalities take care of their own waste while we focus our efforts on reducing and managing our own.

As the saying goes, out of sight, out of mind. Benton County has given this luxury to many communities, but we as citizens who live here can no longer afford it.

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