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My name is Diana Bernstein and I have resided at 10 NW. Edgewood Dr., Corvallis, OR for 23 years.

I am dismayed, disheartened, and disappointed that I even have to write this testimony for file LU – 24–027.

As I understand, the Republic Services CUP application for expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill should only be approved if Republic Services demonstrates that it doesn't seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property; with a character of the area; or with the purpose of the zone (Benton County code 53215).

There are a number of such serious interferences as evidenced by the following:

1. Many many Benton County residents who live near the landfill have reported in numerous venues that they are clearly affected by the stench from the current Republic landfill. Expansion of the landfill increases these negative effects on them and impacts future residence to our county.
2. A 2023 EPA investigation documented excessive methane leakage. From my reading of the public record, I do not see that the excesses noted in this report have been taken seriously or addressed either by Republic Services or by Benton County. It is incompressible to me that expansion of the landfill would even be considered before the EPA concerns from two years ago have been completely addressed.

I'm asking that our community and Benton County residents not be sold out for the benefit of the rest of the western portion of the state whose landfill is being deposited in our backyard nor for the financial benefit of Republic Services.

Would you like to live near this mountain of trash and stench? If you lived there, would you want to see and smell even more trash or experience even greater environmental impacts on your property and neighborhood?