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

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).

It does interfere and therefore the application for expansion of Coffin Butte should be rejected.

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 incomprehensible to me that expansion of the landfill would even be considered before the EPA concerns from two years ago have been completely addressed.
3. The proposed expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill will place an undue burden on public facilities violating BCC 53.215 (2). There will be more truck traffic on local roads hauling garbage and more trucks hauling leachate away to locations unspecified.
4. The increased leachate from this new garbage cell is unacceptable. There is not a treatment for this alphabet soup of toxic materials and it is metered into the Willamette River to make it go away. That is in violation of Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5 (Benton County shall strive for the safe storage, collection, reduction, reuse, recovery, and appropriate disposal of hazardous waste materials.)

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.