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Commissioners:

I strongly oppose any expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill.

As forty-year residents of Benton County, we have always appreciated and, in many ways, come to rely on the natural beauty of the area. That beauty stems from a healthy environment, and we have always contributed to the community effort to sustain that environment.

Coffin Butte is a threat to that environment--our environment--and a blight on its beauty. Its effluent leakage is toxic to our groundwaters, and its methane emissions contribute to climate change. It should be closed, not expanded.

Republic Services has profited, and Benton County has benefitted, from using Benton County as a dumping grounds for other counties as disparate and distant as Multnomah, but clearly enough is enough! Hence the "need" for this expansion. Other counties should look to their own waste.

Please reject any expansion of Coffin Butte landfill.

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