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**To the Benton County Commissioners,**

**I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.**

**I feel you must vote NO on the (Oppose/Deny LU-24-027) because the landfill DOES NOT even now meet current emission standards. See recent EPA air quality inspection\*.**

**An expansion would not align with the below stated in *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*.**

**The proposed expansion would seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area and impose an undue burden on public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215**

**6.1.4 In reviewing land use actions, Benton County shall evaluate potential impacts on air, surface water, groundwater, noise and glare levels, and land quality, where possible utilizing existing studies and prioritizations such as the County's Environmental Assessment Priority List. **Appropriate steps shall be taken to minimize degradation.****

**6.1.5 Benton County shall work with local citizens and appropriate local, state and federal agencies to establish partnerships to achieve enforcement of air, land, and water quality standards**

**NOTE\***In June 2022, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted an ANNOUNCED air quality inspection event at Coffin Butte landfill. During the inspection, the EPA found a massive number of leak locations where the methane emissions exceeded the air quality standard; so many leaks that the EPA inspector ran out of flags available to mark them.

**SINCERELY-**

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