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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Anna Delaney, and I live at 330 SW 10th Street in Corvallis. I also volunteer with *Bit By Bit*, a therapeutic equestrian center that serves children and adults throughout Benton County.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

The proposed expansion would significantly interfere with the character of our community and place an undue burden on public infrastructure, in direct violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). It raises serious concerns, including:

- Air and water pollution that threaten the health of local ecosystems and residents
- Increased traffic that would endanger the safety of children, families, and animals on nearby roads
- Persistent odor and noise pollution that would disrupt both daily life and therapeutic programs
- Harmful impacts on property values, wildlife habitats, and outdoor recreation
- Long-term environmental damage and climate consequences

At *Bit By Bit*, we provide horse-assisted therapy to children—many of whom are neurodivergent or coping with trauma—and our work depends on a peaceful, clean, and safe environment. The noise, smells, and traffic from an expanded landfill would be deeply disruptive to our sessions, jeopardizing both the effectiveness of our program and the well-being of the children we serve.

Moreover, this proposal directly conflicts with Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative. Rather than expanding landfills, we should be investing in smarter, more sustainable solutions like waste reduction, recycling, and circular economic practices that support a healthier future for everyone.

Please reject LU-24-027 and stand with our community, our children, and our shared environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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