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Dear Benton County Community Development,

I have lived most of my life in Benton and Linn County. It has been astonishing to see in just the 30 years that I can remember how large the dump has grown. There has to be an end to the expansion. Republic will take everything if we let them. I see my neighbors with their "stop the expansion" signs in their yards, and we come from all walks of life. But we all love the trees and the beauty of our valley and we do not want to live in a garbage dump. Do not let Republic expand the landfill.

I oppose LU-024-27, the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill, because of the negative impacts such an expansion would have on the environment and because it will seriously interfere with the mostly rural character of the area. If approved, this expansion will also diminish sustainability efforts in the region, and derail alternative waste management initiatives needed to protect Oregon residents. The extent of the landfill's negative impacts are only now beginning to be known. These impacts include unacceptable health effects from polluted air, ground, and water; PFAS and other toxics that flow from the landfill; a weakening of alternatives to waste creation; and a hastening of climate change, to name a few. It would be irresponsible to assert that expanding its operations would not seriously interfere with the air, water, wildlife, and other natural resources that we all share. For these reasons I'm urging you to deny LU-024-27.

Sincerely,

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