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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners and all others concerned,

My name is Douglas Bilsland and I live at 37645 Govier Place, Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

I am writing because 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.

The proposed expansion would **seriously interfere and degrade the character of the surrounding area** and impose **an undue burden on public resources**, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). Specifically, this expansion raises major concerns about:

- **Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations
- **Pose serious long and short term threats** to the health and well being of residents of Benton County
- **Reduce Benton County revenues** by lowering property values and resulting property tax revenue.

The proposed expansion does nothing to align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

Benton County should instead invest in waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy solutions, not expanding landfills that perpetuate pollution and place a long-term burden on local communities.

Western Oregon is an exceedingly poor location for a regional landfill of this magnitude. Residents of Benton County and all of Western Oregon will be paying the price for Coffin Butte Landfill for decades to come. We should not make it worse by allowing its expansion and continued operation.

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,

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