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We strongly oppose the application to expand the landfill, and urge the BC Planning Commission deny the application. Please refer to our enclosed letter of testimony for your consideration.

Jeff and Lesli Uebel

**To:** [publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov)

**Subject:** Oppose/Deny LU-24-027

Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jeff Uebel. My wife and I live in Corvallis. We are writing because we strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. We urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

My wife and I regularly enjoy hiking, hunting and bird-watching with our extended family members at the EE Wilson Wildlife Area, as well as on the OSU MacDonald-Dunn Research Forests adjacent to the landfill. The noise and stench from the landfill, along with the traffic and escaped trash from haulers on the roadways approaching the landfill have greatly increased over the years we have visited there. These factors greatly impact our experience and our enjoyment of those areas, and they have begun to reduce both the time we spend in those areas as well as the number of visits we make each year. We feel that the proposed expansion will only exacerbate and extend these impacts. Expansion would **seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area**, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1). Increased heavy truck traffic hauling garbage to the landfill and leachate for treatment in wastewater plants impacts our local roads, increasing road maintenance needs, costs and negative effects to residents throughout Benton County. We feel this imposes **an undue burden on public resources**, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (2).

We are also deeply concerned about other environmental impacts that would result from the expansion of this operation. We are especially concerned about the community health impacts that could result from expansion. There has been ongoing, unaddressed air pollution (methane leakage) and groundwater pollution by leachate leakage from existing operations. Toxic materials in leachate treated at our wastewater treatment plant are metered out into the Willamette River. These effects will only increase with expansion of the landfill. This appears to violate Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5 (*BC will strive for the safe storage, collection, reduction, reuse, recovery and appropriate disposal of hazardous waste materials.*)

The proposed expansion does not 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.

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