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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Susan Deemer and I live at 1638 SW Country Club Pl, Corvallis.

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.

My husband and I did extensive research before deciding to relocate to Corvallis. We wanted to move somewhere that had cleaner air and water and a better quality of life than where we previously lived. Had we known that the landfill expansion was being planned, we may have crossed Corvallis off our list of acceptable locations.

The EPA has documented many severe methane leaks at Coffin Butte Landfill, and emissions are already 100x higher than the legal limit. I have no confidence in legal limits being enforced any better in the future.

An expansion would mean an increase in traffic, odor and noise which will have negative impacts on community health, wildlife, recreation, and property values. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

I 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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