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In Regard to the proposed Coffin Butte expansion:

My name is Stacy Hampton and I am a homeowner in Corvallis. I have never written a public testimony regarding a pending government decision. However, I am highly concerned that Benton County officials would choose to poison their air, water, and soil with increasing amounts of chemicals and microplastics. The impact of toxic chemicals, microplastics, and pollution on health has been established in enough studies. Additional studies in the future will likely further quantify this effect. Unfortunately, the technology to create these chemicals and toxic byproducts far exceeds the ability to fully detect and remediate toxic exposures in the air, water, and soil.

The Coffin Butte landfill is an area of high population density as compared to desolate alternatives such as eastern Oregon. Although Republic Services has a vested interest in disposing of garbage in ways that minimize their transportation costs and this is their main site for disposing of garbage in Oregon, the impact of this extra exposure on the health and welfare of Benton County residents far outweighs their corporate interests.

In case of fire or other natural disasters affecting the Coffin Butte landfill, the ability to inhabit Benton County could be seriously compromised in terms of the chemical compounds released into the air/water/soil. Additionally, the ability to remove and even identify the various chemicals that are released into the water supply is insufficient when considering the number of people affected.

It is one thing for Coffin Butte to serve as a landfill for Benton County residents. It is entirely a different concept when only a small percentage of the garbage is derived from Benton County. The expense in terms of environmental harm, environmental remediation, and possible lawsuits related to the harms caused by the Coffin Butte Landfill cannot be understated. There is enough research to date to quantify and extrapolate the health impacts of Coffin Butte on Benton County residents if the landfill leads to future harm.

I am highly opposed to LU-24-027. Approving any expansion of this toxic and under-regulated site, primarily at the expense of Benton County residents, is highly concerning and not consistent with various statutes and initiatives already passed with Benton County. In addition to the health impacts, it poses significant financial risks for Benton County just to benefit Republic Services.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Hampton