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To the Benton County Planning Commissioners,

Hello, and thank you for your service to our county. I live in Corvallis at 7315 NW Acorn Ridge Drive. I'm writing to you this evening because I'd like to express my opposition to the conditional use permit application of Republic Services (LU-24-027.

I've heard neighbors speaking about this issue for years, but just recently I did my own research into what it all means. I object on several levels:

- 1) I don't believe that we should be expanding our waste disposal footprint, even if what would come to Coffin Butte wouldn't necessarily be from our area. I believe ALL Oregonians should be reducing landfill bound waste. Expanding landfills does not incentivize this.
- 2) I'm very concerned about ground water pollution from the landfill. I'm equally concerned about air pollution. This is partly an issue of the stench that the landfill emits, but mostly an issue of the unsafe emissions from a public health perspective. Producing less land-fill bound waste is the answer; not expansion of the landfill.

I also believe that this permit for expansion does not comport with Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). I urge you to deny this request and protect Benton County and Oregon from the harms of an expanded landfill.

Thank you for soliciting public comment. Collectively, we make up a thriving, environmentally sustainable community. Let's keep it that way and protect our collective future!

Sincerely,

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