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To: publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov

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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Sarah Chaney and I live at 3120 NW Manzanita Pl, Corvallis, 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.

I began my career out of college managing grants for rural water and wastewater projects in Western states. 39 years ago we knew any landfill or waste storage area needed to be located in a stable area -- not on top of fractured basalt -- and constructed properly with an excellent, state of the art liner. I've learned that parts of the Coffin Butte dump are unlined, and it may be leaking already. The county should not permit the entity managing the dump to continue to expand in an area that is not geologically appropriate. In addition, Republic Services has not been managing the existing area in a responsible manner.

I'm sure by now you are well-versed in the myriad negative impacts of the Coffin Butte landfill on residents in Adair Village, surrounding neighbors, the surrounding environment, the huge amounts of leachate that are trucked to the Willamette River, and all the violations of our county planning code. There is also the very real, deadly concern of the methane plumes that affect people as they breathe the air, along with the massive contribution to global warming.

What also struck me is the information that the stench is so strong that it interferes with residents in North Albany from being able to have their windows open in the summer and interferes with the use of nearby property and character of the area BCC 53.215 (1). I live in NW Corvallis and occasionally I will walk outside and the air smells like it used to when we would drive past Albany when there was a pulp mill there. I've wondered about this because I know the mill is long gone. I can't imagine having to live nearby the landfill with the smell. I empathize with parents who are worried about what their children are breathing in.

It's time to turn the page and leave the old ways of dealing with solid waste behind. It's also time to abandon accepting business as usual and not hold companies accountable for the mess they create as they put profits over peoples' and community's health and wellbeing.

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