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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns with Republic Services and state my opposition to Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027. My name is Andrew Child and I live with my partner and her mom at 38483 Plowshares Road. We share a property line with Republic Services.

I am concerned that, being a national for-profit company, Republic Services is motivated by the financial boons of expanding its business at coffin butte without regard for the consequences that it will have for the local community. It is clear that Republic Services' business model is to take as much trash from as many customers as possible in order to maximise profits. I believe that if LU-24-027 is approved they will continue to expand their landfill at a growing rate with no regard for the local environment and watersheds.

My partner's family has lived on this land for over 35 years. The recently accelerating business of the landfill has us deeply concerned about the air and water quality at our home. Frequently we can smell the dump in the air, expansion of the landfill means that we will be subject to more stink and more harmful particulates in our lungs. We also drink from a well, although Republic Services pays lip service to EPA regulations they have been caught with tears in their leachate barriers on multiple occasions. I worry that these leaks will make their way into our watershed and pollute our well.

The financially motivated expansion of this landfill has the potential to make my home unlivable and poison my body with harmful chemicals. This does not serve the needs of the community or further our environmental goals. Please reject LU-24-027 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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