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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

We are writing because we stongly oppose Republic Services Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 and urge the Planning Commission to deny this application, as it is in direct violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

We live at 28925 Blaze Drive, which is located on the backside of the proposed expansion. We get our water from the well that is located on the north end of our property. We not only use the water for daily household use but we also have a small hazelnut orchard and garden that relies on regular irrigation throughout the summer months.

We are worried about the sustainability of the well and the serious impact the expansion could have. There is a very real possibility of groundwater contamination that could do irreparable damage to our home and our financial well being. I also don't have a lot of faith about the landfill's site preparation phase that might affect groundwater levels and cause our well to go dry during the summer months. That would severely interfere with our orchard and plants and cost a lot of money.

The smell is so bad at times I have to stay inside, which interferes with the numerous chores that have to be done. It not only affects my property, but I was at Adair Park with my dog the other day and had to immediately return home due to the horrendous methane stench. It's a lovely park that should be shared by all, but it's not possible if you can't breathe and your eyes start watering.

The operational noise is already so loud and obnoxious, with the rattling of windows as the sounds of the semi tractor trailers downshift and grind along, it would only increase with the expansion. Since there would be no cap on how much garbage could be brought in, the traffic and noise would only increase, disturbing the rural community atmosphere and turning it into a heavily industrialized area.

We understand Republic Services' main goal is to make as much money as possible, regardless of the harmful consequences that may occur. You need only to look at the numerous unanswered code violations for this site and their other operations to know they are not acting in good faith.

The consequences of your decision will have long term ramifications for the surrounding community for generations to come.

Please follow the recommendations of the Environmental and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC) and deny/oppose LU-24-027.

Sincerely,

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