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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners:

My name is Carol Fischler, and I live at 1107 NW 36th Street

I strongly oppose Republic Services's Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill and urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

The landfill has already seriously degraded the appearance of the area and made the air essentially unbreathable, imposing an undue burden on public resources in violation of Benton County Code 53215 (1) and (2). Further expansion will only exacerbate a negative situation which affects the entire Corvallis area. I live in Northwest Corvallis, many miles from the landfill, but even here it is not at all unusual to smell the dump when the wind is in the right direction. In addition, the leachate that escapes from the dump and is eventually conveyed to the Willamette River is distributing toxins from this site to the entire Willamette watershed. If Republic Services cannot control the destructive forces of leachate and pollution while the landfill is at its current size, how can it possibly do so if the landfill is expanded? We owe it to our children and grandchildren to not destroy the environment we will pass on to them. I do not know what can be done to repair the damage that has already been done, but clearly it would be madness to allow that damage to increase by expanding the area of the landfill.

We need to invest in waste reduction, recycling and circular economy solutions, not expanding landfills that perpetuate pollution and place a long term burden on local communities.

Please reject LU-24-027. We need to explore better ways to deal with trash disposal, ways that will protect the health and future of Benton County.

Yours truly, Carol Fischler, Corvallis, Or 97330