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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Rose Holdorf and I live at 38483 Plowshares Road—one of the landfill's closest neighbors. My parents purchased the land and built our family home the year I was born, 1989. We reside on tax lot 10419B001500 and share a property line with Republic Services.

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.

It is horrifying to consider what might come if Republic Services is allowed to expand a landfill site onto Tampico Ridge, the same ridge that shares a forest, foundation, and water table as my home and the homes of my neighbors. In the past five years as Republic has ramped up business, the existing landfill has drastically changed the character of my neighborhood. It is a more prominent eyesore on my drive home, I have to pick up more fly away garbage from our property, it smells worse and more frequently than I ever remember in my 36 years of calling this place my home, and for the first time in my life I can actually see the landfill from my living room. The lights from the top of the landfill glare through the trees and the truck motors and beeping backup noises echo through my window early in the morning.

The proposed expansion could devastate the assets my family has cultivated on this land. Building a new landfill cell on the opposite side of Coffin Butte Road keeps me up at night. After 36 years, will we be forced to move? Will we lose all property value? Will our well water become contaminated and undrinkable, or dry up? Will living even closer to a landfill cell give us cancer or make us sick? How will the excavation of the cell, digging deep into our shared hillside, affect the literal foundation from which my family's life in the Soap Creek Valley was built?

The proposed expansion would seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area and impose an undue burden on public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

In my adult years, every choice I have made—which jobs I choose, how I spend my

free time, how I envision my life ahead of me—has come down to a central question: how can I continue to steward and thrive in the place where I am from? I love where I live and feel so lucky to reside in a house and tend to the land that my family has nourished for my whole life. I feel I live in the most beautiful place in the world. I look forward to taking care of this place and making it even better for the generations to come. I hope Benton County will do its part and envision a future for our community that is sustained by clean air, drinkable water, and solutions to our waste that prioritizes its residents health and wellbeing.

Please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County and my lifelong home.

Sincerely,

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