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To: publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov

Subject: Oppose/Deny LU-24-027

Body:

Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jennifer Johnson and I live at 1730 NW Sulphur Springs Rd, Corvallis.

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.

The proposed expansion would seriously affect Benton County property owner's use of and value of their homes. Nearby properties are already adversely affected by the presence of the landfill. It is a massive, odorous, eyesore sited poorly on cracked basalt which poses great environmental risk. Allowing it to become any larger, causing increased pollution and risk to our water and air is unacceptable. Those of us who live in Benton County have no need for a bigger landfill. Our waste makes up only a tiny fraction of the daily intake at the landfill. There is no benefit to residents of Benton County for an even larger, massive landfill.

Republic Services has not been a good neighbor to the residents of the county and they have not earned the trust of the community. They have been fined repeatedly for exceeding gas limits and yet they have not made good faith efforts to remedy the methane leaks and fire risk. How can their promises to follow the rules be trusted when fines do nothing to deter bad management? Allowing an expansion will only insure additional pollution and risk to our community. Payment of fines for safety violations and polluting our air and water does nothing to remedy the harm caused to the community.

The expansion request offers no benefit to our community. It is not needed. Housing is limited, land for development is limited, land for natural areas and wildlife is increasingly limited, land for sustainable business in our community is limited. Our community has many competing needs for our limited resources. Allowing the expansion of a landfill that the community does not need is completely in opposition to Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative.

The landfill has already permanently damaged our environment. What possible benefit to the county can there be to allowing additional land to be permanently destroyed?

I urge you to reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson
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