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Subject of Testimony: Application LU-24-027

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Written Testimony:

I am writing in opposition of the landfill expansion. I urge the Planning Commission to support the citizens of Benton County and deny Republic Service's application. I based my decision on several factors including quality of life, environmental impacts, and the long-term liability to the tax payers of Benton county.

I live in Benton County and am a member of a book study group that meets frequently in Soap Creek Valley. Sitting outside for our discussions was not a pleasing or healthy experience due to odors and harmful gases. Our family used to visit EE Wilson Wildlife Area frequently, but the stench and noise created by current landfill operations made our visits unpleasant.

There is much uncertainty related to enforcement of permit violations to water quality and air quality caused by the landfill. These risks will become greater as the landfill expands. Off site impacts to rural landowners and wildlife are significant.

Please do not place additional costs and risks on the residents of Benton County. DENY the expansion application now.

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