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**To:** [publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bentoncountyor.gov)

**Subject:** Oppose/Deny LU-24-027

**Body:**

Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Ann Yost and I live in North Albany, Oregon, in often direct SMELL of the fumes/toxic air emitted from Coffin Butte landfill. I drive on Highway 20 on a daily basis during the workweek and see all the GARBAGE littering the roadways and drainage areas! I pass the semi's with the toxic PFAS being transported from the landfill to be dumped in our waterways?

Every day we live to minimize waste, we compost, we avoid buying plastic, and for the most part our trash container has little if anything in it. We work hard every day to make that happen, that is to not create waste, to recycle, to avoid purchasing things that will be used once and then becoming trash. There are other things that we do – we grow our food, hang out laundry, etc.

I am very disappointed that Benton County is receiving money in exchange for Republic Services removing and transporting toxic

sludge, PFAS to dump in our waterways. This seems criminal and already presents a public health nuisance.

I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to immediately DENY this application.

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). Specifically, this expansion raises major concerns that are already happening including but not limited to:

- **ALREADY - Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **ALREADY Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **ALREADY Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **NOW Long-term climate and environmental consequences** for future generations

The proposed expansion does nothing to align with *Benton County's 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative*. This expansion undermines our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management.

I believe Benton County should 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. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,

Ann Yost

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