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To: Benton County Planning Commission
Nick Fowler, Chair

This is to express my strong opposition to the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill. As a long time resident of Benton County, I have grave concerns about the effect of our air, water and land with this expansion. Please do what is in the best interest of the residents of Benton County and say NO.

As I read through the Benton County Comprehensive plans for our future, I don't see any correlation with the stated objectives and this plan. Specifically I am greatly concerned about the amount of garbage that this landfill already takes in; only seven percent of the total is from Benton County. If the garbage isn't taken here, where will it go? Republic Services owns another land fill across the Columbia River. What makes this land fill a superior choice for more garbage is that it is about 250 feet above the water table and the that 250 feet is mostly clay soil. By the time the toxins and leachates reach the water, they will have been filtered out through the clay and greatly reduced. Unfortunately for our residents, the water table is only slightly above this land fill.

Additionally, by taking in so much other garbage from surrounding areas, the truck traffic on Highway 99 has greatly increased. There are over 265,000 trucks dumping garbage every year; that is a huge number. With that many trucks dumping garbage, there is one truck every minute and a half or 90 seconds! I can't fathom to think about more truck traffic coming to this site.

By the way, I voted for all the County Commissioners when they were on the ballot. I sincerely hope as a constituent, my voice will matter.

Again, I urge you to OPPOSE this expansion.

Sincerely,

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