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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

THIS IS A RESUBMISSION OF COMMENTS I SENT ON SUNDAY 20 APRIL.  
I received an automatic acknowledgment of that submission from "Benton Public Comments" BUT MY COMMENTS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKET SENT BY BENTON COUNTY, in section BC3\_Compiled Public Comments part 1

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I am writing to strongly urge the Planning Commission to deny Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. This dump is already polluting air and water, and violating environmental laws. It's not even owned, operated, or controlled by Benton County, and no "Conditions of Approval" attached to previous landfill expansions have ever been enforced (See the Benton County Trash Talks final report).

The proposed expansion would further negatively affect the character of the surrounding area and place an undue burden on public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215(1) and (2). Specifically, I have serious concerns about the following:

- Air, soil, and water pollution, e.g. methane emissions, leachate, etc.
- Increased vehicular traffic, obstructed public rights-of-way
- Offensive, noxious odors and noise
- Harmful impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values
- Long-term environmental and climate consequences

I urge you to heed the advice of Benton County's own Environment and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC), who voted 5-1 to recommend denial of the proposed landfill expansion. Take seriously the League of Women Voters of Corvallis, strongly urging you to deny the proposed expansion because of grave concerns about the health of Benton County residents. Read carefully the thoughtful, detailed testimony from the Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance, which unequivocally opposes any further expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill and urges you all to reject this application.

Please, please reject LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration of these comments, and for protecting the health and future of Benton County residents.

Sincerely,  
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