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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,
My name is Pamela Burnor.

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.

I am especially concerned about the increase in trucks from other counties hauling trash to the proposed site and leachate being trucked out to locations unknown. The future costs to the county for clean up are another great unknown. We cannot expect that our government will help enforce any health and safety guidelines. Anything goes with our current administration.

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 about:

- **Air and water pollution** threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- **Traffic increases** that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways
- **Odor and noise issues** that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors
- **Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values**
- **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.

Regards,

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