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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Kathleen Rochester of 1480 NW Meadowgreen Place, Corvallis OR 97330.

I am writing because I strongly oppose expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill. Therefore, I urge the Planning Commission to deny Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027. I do not live within the area directly affected by the odor, noise and recreation issues, but I am nonetheless concerned by any irreversible change to the character of my community. This expansion will seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

This expansion will also impose an undue burden on public resources far into the future, also violating Benton County code.

However, more than my concern for the Code violations, I'm disappointed that by pursuing this expansion, **the County is ignoring its own 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative**. I just thought this community was better than that; that our county leadership would try to truly represent our shared goals for responsible environmental stewardship, prioritizing public health, and sustainable waste management, as expressed in the 2040 Initiative.

This expansion would instead produce more leachate, polluting the river, more unhealthy odor, interfere with wildlife passage and grazing and have long term climate consequences as a result of increased methane.

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,

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