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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

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.

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! I am appalled to know that only 7% of the garbage disposed here comes from Benton County. Republic Services is getting RICH at Benton County's citizens expense.

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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