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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Cressey Merrill and I live at 38544 hwy 99 w, Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

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 many times the odor is so strong that people will not come over to visit, and I can not be outside and enjoy my property.
- Traffic increases that pose safety risks on nearby roads and pathways. The increased traffic has started creating sinking of the roadway.
- Odor and noise issues that degrade quality of life for residents and visitors. The blasting noise is excessive sometimes, and will shake my house and rattle my windows.
- Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values. My property value is going down and the poor wildlife is being displaced.
- 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.

Sincerely,  
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