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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Kari Olsen and I live a few miles south of the Coffin Butte landfill in Benton County.

I strongly oppose Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the landfill. I urge the Planning Commission to deny this application.

I have lived, worked, gone to school, and hiked in Benton County for over 45 years. I nearly made an offer on a home in the Soap Creek area years ago, but I would not consider it today, nor any place downwind or downstream from the Coffin Butte landfill.

When poison leaches into the ground, it is difficult or impossible to determine which way it will run in the aquifer, and I fear for the safety of my own well water. Dumping leachate into the Willamette River is outrageous. Republic Services has neither the means nor motive to disclose risks accurately. I have no confidence that any "Conditions of Approval" would be enforced.

I make an effort to buy local food, but now I will have to try and research if locally grown food has been irrigated with dump leachate.

The proposed expansion is in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2). Besides air and water pollution, there is noise, smell, and traffic pollution already harrassing wildlife and people. Expansion would cause problems for a larger area, and for future generations.

The proposal is contrary to Benton County's "2040 Thriving Communities Initiative", especially the goals of "Safe, & Livable", "High Environmental Quality", "Conservation of Natural Resources", and "Consideration of Carrying Capacity". Such an expansion is irresponsible environmental stewardship, a public health risk, and unsustainable.

Please reject LU-24-027.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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