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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Martina Vega and I live at 37272 Soap Creek Road, Corvallis, OR 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). **I am deeply concerned by the plans to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill and vehemently oppose the expansion. I was born in the Soap Creek Valley and grew up here. It is a beautiful home, except for the air and water pollution from the Coffin Butte Landfill. By enlarging the landfill, the pollution will increase. The Soap Creek Valley is a residential area, not a site for toxic waste. Families and individuals must be able to enjoy where they live and use their land, without the risk of pollution from the chemicals the landfill allows to permeate the air, water, and soil of our Valley. The Soap Creek Valley and the entirety of Benton County need a comprehensive waste management plan that ensures the health of those living here as they breathe the air, farm the soil, and recreate the waterways where the landfill disposes of liquids. Expanding the landfill is the opposite of this and harms current and future individuals. The plan to expand the landfill violates the County code by interfering with uses of nearby property and character of the area under code BCC 53.215 (1).**

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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