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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Robyn Vega and I live at 37272 Soap Creek Road. 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:

Water pollution- The increased leachate from this new garbage cell is unacceptable. I am particularly concerned about the possible contamination of local wells. There is not sufficient treatment for the current leachate and it is metered into the Willamette River to make it go away. That is in violation of Benton County Comprehensive Plan policy 6.5.5

- **Air pollution**, especially the release of methane, threatens our local ecosystems and community health and increases our fire danger
- **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, PROPERTY VALUES, and recreation**
- **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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