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Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Andrew Ould, and I live at 874 SE Bayshore Circle in Corvallis.

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 for these reasons:

Republic Services' proposed expansion would seriously interfere with the character of the surrounding area and impose undue burdens on public resources, in violation of Benton County Code 53.215 (1) and (2).

More specifically, I have deep concerns about:

- Air and water pollution that threaten our local ecosystems and community health, especially the 40 million gallons of leachate created annually by the landfill and the extensive methane gases arising from the landfill, as measured by EPA testing
- Republic's dubious compliance record
- Landfill odor that is growing more offensive and more pervasive — such that I've now noticed the landfill stench at the corner of Circle Blvd. and 9th— thus degrading our quality of life
- Negative impacts on wildlife, recreation, and property values
- Long-term climate and environmental consequences for future generations, including extensive methane gas emissions and increasing PFAS in the leachate

Republic Services' proposed expansion does not 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.

Let's bring an end to landfill expansion and instead improve the health and well-being of our current generation — as well as future generations — by rejecting LU-24-027.

Our children and grandchildren will thank you.

Sincerely,
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