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Written Testimony:

I attended the first 2 hearings on the landfill expansion. Needless to say, Republic hired 8 consultants to plea their case. Lots of data, statistics; even though the information gathering on some was somewhat less than ideal.

Regardless of Republic pleading their case against the current guidelines provided by the county, why are we allowing so much garbage to come to our landfill? Obviously this is the reason they are seeking to expand. What does Benton County do when the expanded landfill fills? Where do we go next to deal with our county's garbage? The quarry that is currently on track to be used in the existing landfill will last approx 10 years. Why isn't republic using this 10 year window to find a place to put garbage that is not a rainy area contributing to leachate? Benton County is small! And magnificent farmland and forest. Benton County could continue to use the current landfill for many, many more years if we did not accept garbage from all over the state.

This seems to me to be the biggest reason to stop the landfill expansion. Republic needs to find a new place for all the garbage not generated in Benton County. It is a sure eventuality

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