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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Lesley Tonna and I live at 4820 NW Crescent Valley Drive.

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. This not only affects us personally, but it affects our entire community of humans and all other species alike. We live in a fragile riparian zone here in Crescent Valley which depends on clean water and soil conditions in order to proliferate. We don't want to jeopardize the health of this ecosystem with toxic waste and more human-created garbage.

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:

- Air and water pollution threaten our local ecosystems and community health
- 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, recreation, and property values
- 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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