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Subject of Testimony: Please Deny Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

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Written Testimony:

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for all you do to serve the citizens of Benton County. Thank you as well for taking the time to read my comments. Please deny Republic Services' request to expand the Coffin Butte landfill. I am very concerned about leachate, methane emissions, noise and odor. I'm also very concerned about Republic Services' character and trustworthiness. The fact that Brian Rupe, Republic Services VP for the Northwest area, implied that since only a small percentage of people have spoken out against the expansion means that the rest of Benton County is okay with it is uninformed at best and deceptive at worst. If Republic Services had conducted a survey asking Benton County residents for their opinion on the expansion, then Mr. Rupe's comments might have some merit. I've never received such a survey. In fact, every person I've spoken with about the expansion either didn't know about it or if they did, was strongly against it.

Most people never submit public comments, even about issues that really concern them. If Republic Services is this uninformed or deceptive, how can we trust them to be stewards for our county?

Thank you again for reading my comments.

Sincerely,

Holly Higgins

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