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I am not going to continue being silent. My husband, Dave Bella, a retired environmental engineer, has been studying "forever chemicals" for many years. PFA's and other "forever" chemicals are already in our bloodstreams. Expanding the landfill will exponentially increase the presence of these in our local environment. Please limit the waste delivered to the local Republic landfill to only Benton County's waste. Other counties can create their own or find elsewhere. I'm aware this won't do away with the waste challenge, but, at least, we would only have to deal with our local waste. I also know this creates a big financial loss to the county. What cost is our health and the health of the environment worth? Sincerely, Cammie (aka Carolyn) Bella