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Written Testimony:

As a Newport City Councilor, I've seen the important role Coffin Butte has played in keeping utility rates affordable. I support the expansion of Coffin Butte because without the expansion, waste disposal costs will go up, at a time when salaries in our community are stagnating and not keeping pace with household expenses. I worry that without the expansion, emissions will rise as trucks have to haul our waste further away, again, and again.

We know that wages aren't keeping pace with costs and that folks in rural communities are more impacted by these increases. I feel that pinch too. Hard-working families are struggling to keep up. If we do not expand Coffin Butte, these costs will only increase, and frankly, we just cannot afford what these increases will mean. We are stretched too thin as it is.

Coffin Butte is filling up quicker than was ever expected and without this expansion, our rural small community will have to pay more for the same services within the coming years. Our waste will have to travel further to another landfill. This will result in higher vehicle emissions and more road congestion.

I sincerely urge the Benton County Commissioners to vote yes to expand the Coffin Butte Landfill. Expansion means reducing emissions and keeping costs low for rural communities, small businesses, schools, and families. Thank you for your consideration.

CM Hall
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