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Benton County Board of Commissioners:

In county government, we talk a lot about planning ahead — not because it's exciting, but because it's our job, and failing to plan costs our communities more in the long run. Waste management is a perfect example. It's part of our lives every day. When we have reliable, local options, everyone benefits. When we don't, costs go up, services suffer, and control slips further from the people who live here.

The proposed expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill matters well beyond Benton County's borders. It's the nearest option for many communities in our region, and it operates under strict environmental standards while producing renewable energy and supporting local jobs.

Losing that capacity would mean sending waste farther away, adding 400 miles of truck traffic, increasing emissions, and putting more pressure on already tight local budgets.

As a Yamhill County Commissioner, I understand the value of regional cooperation and smart investments in infrastructure. Coffin Butte has been a reliable partner to the region in providing an essential service. Expanding it ensures we have the capacity we need for years to come — without passing unnecessary costs down to families and businesses.

This is the kind of forward-looking decision that benefits all of us.

Bubba King
Yamhill County Commissioner

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