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Dear Commissioner,

I'm writing to strongly urge your support for the Coffin Butte expansion. This is a practical, responsible plan that keeps solid waste management under local control, where it belongs.

Approving the expansion will:

- Protect families and budgets. Without expansion, waste may need to be hauled long distances — driving up costs for households, schools, and county services.
- Preserve local revenue. Coffin Butte generates nearly \$6 million every year to Benton County — our second-largest discretionary revenue source after property taxes — supporting schools, public safety, and road maintenance.
- Advance renewable energy and climate goals. By capturing landfill gas, Coffin Butte powers more than 4,000 homes annually with clean energy while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ensure reliable, affordable service. Residents and businesses depend on consistent, affordable garbage service. Expansion secures that for the future.

Coffin Butte already plays a vital role in Benton County — holding down costs, powering homes, and funding essential services without raising taxes. Expansion will strengthen these benefits and position our community for long-term success.

Please approve this important project.

Sincerely,
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