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Respected Commissioners:

I am writing to express my **support for the expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill, and I strongly urge you to do the same.**

I consider those who oppose the expansion to be well-intentioned, but very poorly informed.

In 1974, the Coffin Butte Landfill was designated a regional landfill under the 1974 Chemeketa Region Solid Waste Management Program. This program is a cooperative effort among Benton, Linn, Marion, Yamhill and Polk Counties. I note that a major source of opposition to the expansion is that the landfill receives waste from outside Benton County – and offer this as evidence of the lack of understanding of the opponents.

At this time, the fate of the Landfill is in the hands of Benton County government. If the Commissioners deny the expansion proposal, we can anticipate that Republic Services will submit the matter to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. The matter will be out of local control at that time.

The State may well decide in favor of the good of the many over the good of the few in response to Benton County's intent to renege on the long-standing Chemeketa Region Solid Waste Management Program. It is conceivable that the State would approve expansion beyond the current Republic request in order to provide the Willamette Valley with a landfill resource well into the future.

Other items of concern the Commissioners must consider:

- Oregon Administrative Rules require counties and municipalities to provide for solid waste management within their jurisdictions. At the estimated 10-year life span of Coffin Butte as it stands today, you have scarcely enough time to negotiate a new receiving landfill for Benton County's solid waste at any price.
- The loss of tipping fees for out-of-county solid waste will reduce County income by \$3-6 M per year. Although this is a small percentage of the County's annual budget, it is no small task to identify alternative sources. Alternatively, it will become necessary to reduce services – likely an unpopular action.

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