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Good afternoon,

Please see attached from Mayor of Albany Alex Johnson II for testimony on the public record in support of LU-24-027, the Coffin Butte expansion application. Mayor Johnson II is copied on this email for verification purposes.

Thank you,

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Support for the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion
Submitted by Mayor Alex Johnson II City of Albany

Chair and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion. My name is Alex Johnson II, and I have the privilege of serving as Mayor of the City of Albany.

Albany is a unique community in that it spans two counties — Linn County and Benton County. While the majority of our residents and businesses are located within Linn County, 11,000 of Albany's 57,000 residents live in Benton County, making us the county's second-largest city by population, after Corvallis. This makes us both a neighbor and a direct stakeholder in decisions that impact Benton County's infrastructure and long-term planning.

Coffin Butte is a critical piece of that shared regional infrastructure. The landfill provides essential solid waste services not only for Benton County residents but also for families, small businesses, schools, and local governments throughout the mid-Willamette Valley — including Albany. Maintaining reliable, affordable, and locally managed capacity at Coffin Butte is key to protecting service continuity, cost stability, and environmental oversight for the entire region.

Without the proposed expansion, our communities will face challenging alternatives: longer transportation routes to more distant landfills, increased greenhouse gas emissions from long-haul trucking, and significantly higher disposal costs that would ultimately be borne by ratepayers, local governments, and businesses. Those outcomes would place unnecessary strain on both Benton and Linn Counties at a time when we are all working hard to maintain affordability and environmental stewardship.

Over the course of this process, I have appreciated the collaborative and transparent approach taken by Republic Services and Benton County staff. Their engagement with local jurisdictions, community members, and county officials has resulted in a well-developed proposal that balances environmental responsibility, operational efficiency, and the long-term needs of our region. The operator's record of compliance, ongoing investments in renewable energy generation, and commitment to local oversight further strengthen the case for approval.

From an economic standpoint, Coffin Butte supports good local jobs, provides millions of dollars in revenue to Benton County each year, and generates renewable electricity that contributes to Oregon's clean energy goals. It is an example of how infrastructure,

environmental sustainability, and community benefit can coexist when properly managed.

In my role as Mayor, I am focused on ensuring that regional infrastructure systems are reliable, affordable, and forward-looking. The Coffin Butte Landfill expansion represents exactly that kind of responsible planning. It safeguards local control, supports the economic stability of the mid-Willamette Valley, and upholds our shared commitment to environmental accountability.

I respectfully urge you to approve the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion. Doing so will ensure our communities — in both Benton and Linn Counties — can continue to manage growth responsibly, plan for the future, and sustain the quality of life that Oregonians value.

Respectfully,
Alex Johnson II
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