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As someone who has spent many years leading the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and working closely with local businesses, I have seen firsthand how essential Coffin Butte is to the economic health and stability of our region. Businesses and residents across Linn and Benton Counties depend on reliable, affordable solid waste services to operate efficiently and plan for the future. Without local capacity, those costs rise quickly—and that affects everything from small business budgets to household expenses to school district costs and public services.

Coffin Butte is not just a landfill; it is an integral part of the region's infrastructure. Each year, the facility safely manages a significant portion of the solid waste generated by Linn County communities, including Albany. The site's continued operation supports local jobs, contributes millions of dollars in economic impact, and helps maintain the affordability of waste services that businesses and families count on every day.

I've also seen Republic Services' role as a community partner—one that invests in local priorities and responds to community feedback. The company's \$250,000 contribution to the adaptive playground at the Mid-Willamette Valley YMCA is one of many examples of its engagement and commitment to improving the quality of life in our area. More recently, the company revised its original expansion proposal to reduce its duration and preserve public access to Coffin Butte Road—actions that reflect a willingness to listen and collaborate.

I understand that this is a complex issue, but it's also a practical one. Responsible

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Thank you for your time and for your thoughtful consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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