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Good morning Benton County Commissioners,

The Polk County Farm Bureau Board voted to support the expansion of Coffin Butte landfill, and strongly encourages you to do the same.

Agriculture is one of our cornerstone industries in Oregon, and we rely on cost effective waste disposal for many agricultural byproducts. Including deceased livestock and inedible disposal from butcher shops.

Our understanding from one of our Board members with one such business is that Coffin Butte is the last remaining landfill that accepts that kind of waste in the region. The local meat products are of great value to have available. Other waste from critical processing facilities including agronomy plants, seed warehouses, etc also need a disposal home.

We also recognize the significant possibility and correlation that with other garbage disposal options that would increase costs, we would likely see more dumping in rural areas where we live and derive our income. We already see plenty of that occurring and don't want that problem to increase and get worse.

None of our board is excited about the need to expand, but the critical point that came up multiple times in discussion is "what's the feasible alternative plan"? We are open to other possibilities assuming cost and access is similar. We especially like the prospect of incineration with the modern clean technology available. Until other plans and facilities are in place, our industry critically needs Coffin Butte to remain operational.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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