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Dear Commissioner,

I'm writing to urge your approval of the Coffin Butte expansion ~~ The bottom line is that no matter how efficiently we recycle, there is always going to be garbage. It has to end up somewhere and the cost of that is on us, the taxpayers of Benton County. The most reasonable choice, in respect to the environment, truly is simply to expand the facility we already own!

Coffin Butte is part of Benton County's essential infrastructure. Without additional capacity, local waste will have to travel hundreds of miles, increasing traffic, emissions, and expenses for families, businesses, and schools.

Expansion keeps services local, predictable, and accountable.

This project also supports Oregon's environmental goals. The landfill's gas-to-energy facility already powers thousands of homes each year. Expanding Coffin Butte means even more clean energy and continued investment in technology that reduces emissions.

Approving the expansion is a responsible choice that protects Benton County's future — keeping waste management local, sustainable, and affordable.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering the long-term needs of our community.

Sincerely,
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