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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioners,

As a member of the Lebanon City Council, I spend a lot of time thinking about how to keep essential services running without overburdening the people who live and work in our community. Waste disposal isn't something we think about much, but it's important to plan for

our future to avoid functional and financial problems in the future.

The proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill is not about expanding for the sake of expansion. It's about looking to that future and ensuring we have the necessary infrastructure in

place to handle the waste we all generate...residents, businesses, schools, hospitals...every single day. We need to act now! Alternatives are more expensive, less efficient, and ultimately,

more harmful to the people we represent.

When disposal costs rise, those increases are passed on...often directly...to ratepayers that are already over-burdened by rising costs. It means less money in the pockets of struggling families, and tighter margins for small businesses trying to stay afloat in a challenging economy.

It also means cities like Lebanon are forced to stretch already limited budgets even further just to maintain basic services.

Approving this conditional use permit isn't about avoiding progress or innovation... it's about giving our communities the breathing room to develop better systems, that better serve our communities, without rushing into costly or impractical stopgap solutions. If we delay too long,

we'll be forced into more expensive options with no time to prepare...and the financial burden will land squarely on working families.

This is a moment to act with foresight. The expansion of Coffin Butte allows the leeway needed

to invest in smarter, long-term strategies...while keeping essential services affordable in the meantime.

Thank you for your service, and for considering what's at stake for cities like ours across the region.

Sincerely,

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