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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Keep Our Garbage Services Local, Reliable and Affordable

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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioner, I am writing to urge you to support the Coffin Butte expansion. This is a practical, responsible plan that ensures our county keeps solid waste management and garbage service under local control, where it belongs.

Expanding Coffin Butte brings several important benefits:

- Keeps costs low for families and services. Without expansion, our waste may have to be hauled long distances, driving up transportation costs and straining household and county budgets.
- Generates critical local revenue. Coffin Butte generates nearly \$6 million each year to Benton County's budget, the second-largest source of discretionary local revenue after property taxes. These dollars support our local schools, public safety, and road maintenance.
- Supports renewable energy and climate goals. By capturing landfill gas, Coffin Butte powers more than 4,000 homes annually with clean energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and helping Oregon meet its climate commitments.
- Ensures reliable, affordable service. Residents and businesses depend on consistent, affordable solid waste management. Expansion secures this for the long term.

Coffin Butte already plays a vital role in our community — keeping costs down, powering homes with renewable energy, and funding critical services without raising taxes. Expansion will strengthen these benefits and position Benton County for a stronger, more sustainable future.

I urge you to approve this important project.

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