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Subject: WEB FORM SUBMISSION - LU-24-027 Coffin Butte Proposed Expansion Written Testimony
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Subject of Testimony: Benton County needs a responsible, local plan for the future

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Written Testimony:

I'm writing to urge your approval of the Coffin Butte expansion — a forward-looking project that ensures Benton County keeps control of its own solid waste system, strengthens renewable energy generation, and protects ratepayers from higher costs.

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.

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