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Written Testimony:

Written Testimony from John Harris

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Submitted to the Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

My name is John Harris, and I am the owner of Horsepower Productions. I've proudly served this

community for more than 20 years, and I care deeply about the values that make Corvallis special—sustainability, responsibility, and a strong commitment to supporting local businesses and families.

I'm writing to express my support for the conditional land use permit for the Coffin Butte Landfill

expansion. I understand this is a challenging and sometimes divisive issue, but it's one that impacts everyone

who lives and works in Benton County.

Even in a technical business like mine, some waste is unavoidable. Reliable and affordable waste disposal is

essential to keeping our studio operating efficiently. When disposal options become limited or more expensive,

small businesses feel the impact first—through higher costs that are difficult to absorb and nearly impossible to

pass on to customers. Over time, that strain affects local entrepreneurs and the broader community we serve.

If the landfill reaches capacity and waste must be transported farther away, the costs of fuel, hauling, and

disposal will inevitably increase. Those added expenses will ripple through our local economy, impacting not

just businesses, but also families, consumers, and public agencies already operating on tight budgets.

Furthermore, I have seen firsthand how Republic Services contributes to our community. I've worked at

countless events supported through their donations and partnerships. They employ our friends and

neighbors—people I know personally—and they make meaningful contributions to the local economy through

jobs, charitable support, and community involvement.

No one wants a landfill nearby, but we all depend on responsible infrastructure to manage the waste our

community produces. Supporting this permit provides the capacity and breathing room we need to plan for

long-term, sustainable waste solutions—without facing immediate disruptions or rising costs.

As someone who lives, works, and invests in Corvallis, I want to see our community continue to thrive. That

requires practical, forward-looking decisions about the infrastructure we all rely on.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

John Harris

Owner, Horsepower Productions

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