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Please accept public written testimony for Coffin Butte land use hearings.

As a heads up, your web form has been down today and Friday, stating the word count is over, when not even a 1/5 of the word count max has been met :(. I have been supporting friends in their submissions because of this.

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RE: Letter of Support for the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

As Solid Waste Program Manager for Tillamook County, I am writing to express my support for the proposed expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill in Benton County. This facility plays a critical role in the responsible management of solid waste for our region, and its continued operation is essential to ensure sustained local disposal capacity, reduction in need for long-haul transport, and regional waste management affordability.

Coffin Butte has served as Tillamook County's regional landfill for decades, providing reliable and professionally managed disposal services for multiple counties in western Oregon. With population growth and increasing demands on waste infrastructure, the need for expanded capacity is a necessary step to ensure short-term regional sustainability. Without this expansion, jurisdictions like ours will face significant challenges in securing affordable and environmentally sound alternatives for waste disposal. Concurrently, action should be taken now to ensure long-term solutions are explored for the eventual closure of the site.

I urge the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the proposed expansion and continue supporting responsible, forward-looking waste management solutions for our region.

Sincerely, **Justin Weiss**Solid Waste Program Manager