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October 6, 2025

To: Benton County Board of Commissioners
From: Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Re: Support for Responsible Expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA) and the many hospitality employers who serve residents and visitors across Benton County, we appreciate the opportunity to share our position regarding the proposed Coffin Butte Landfill expansion.

Our members depend on reliable, affordable, and sustainable waste management services. The proposal to expand Coffin Butte represents a critical investment in Benton County's future — one that supports local control, environmental responsibility, and long-term economic stability.

We have significant concerns about the impact of rising waste management costs should local disposal capacity become constrained. Restaurants and lodging businesses across Oregon continue to navigate increased labor, food, and operational expenses. Additional waste management cost escalations would place even greater strain on small businesses working hard to stay viable and keep prices stable for customers.

From our perspective, the benefits of a responsible Coffin Butte expansion are clear:

- **Stable Costs:** A reliable, local landfill keeps disposal close to home, maintaining predictable costs for employers, schools, farms, and families.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Coffin Butte generates renewable energy from landfill gas — powering more than 4,000 homes annually.
- **Economic Contribution:** The facility provides nearly \$6 million annually to Benton County's general fund, directly supporting schools, roads, and public safety.
- **Long-Term Planning:** An expansion ensures Benton County has a regulated, forward-looking waste solution for decades to come — providing businesses with the confidence to invest and grow.
- **Local Oversight:** Coffin Butte remains under county jurisdiction, keeping decision-making accountable to Benton County residents and taxpayers.

Our industry's success depends on the continued strength and affordability of local infrastructure and services. Supporting a thoughtful expansion of Coffin Butte aligns with the broader goals of maintaining Benton County's competitiveness, sustainability, and quality of life.

We urge the Benton County Commissioners to approve the proposed expansion and ensure the community continues to benefit from local control, stable costs, and environmentally responsible operations. Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership in guiding Benton County's future.

Sincerely,

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