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Attached is the Albany Area Chamber's letter of support for Republic Services CUP Application

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Janet Steele,
President

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RE: LU-24-027, Republic Services' CUP Application

On behalf of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for Coffin Butte Landfill and the proposed expansion that is currently under consideration.

Businesses and residents throughout Linn County, including Albany, depend on Coffin Butte for the safe, efficient, and cost-effective disposal of solid waste. As one of Coffin Butte's largest customer bases, Linn County relies on the facility to manage over 130,000 tons of waste annually. Its continued operation is essential to our region's economic health and stability.

Denying the proposed expansion would result in Coffin Butte reaching capacity much sooner, ultimately leading to its closure. The consequences of such a decision would be far-reaching. Transporting waste 200 or more miles away would dramatically increase disposal costs, placing a disproportionate burden on small businesses, limiting economic growth, and negatively affecting household budgets throughout the region.

Coffin Butte is not just a critical infrastructure asset, Republic Services, which operates the site, is also a responsible employer and community partner. The landfill contributes approximately \$8.5 million annually in statewide economic impact and employs nearly 100 individuals. Republic Services has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the well-being of the communities it serves. A prime example of this is the \$250,000 grant that made possible the Mid-Willamette Valley YMCA's first adaptive playground in Albany—an investment that speaks to their ongoing community engagement.

Furthermore, we appreciate that Republic Services has listened to community feedback and made substantial revisions to its conditional use permit (CUP) application. The revised plan now includes a shorter, six-year extension—down from the originally proposed twelve—and no longer includes the closure of Coffin Butte Road. These changes demonstrate a good-faith effort to balance operational needs with community concerns.

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce urges thoughtful and informed consideration of this proposal. Coffin Butte Landfill is a vital resource—not only for Linn and Benton Counties—but for the economic strength and environmental responsibility of our entire region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Janet Steele'.

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