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Commissioners,

My name is Michelle, and I am an employee of Thompson's Sanitary Service in Newport, Oregon. As a member of the waste industry, I am in a unique position to have a good understanding of how the closure of Coffin Butte landfill will impact my customers. I encourage you to grant Republic's application for expansion. Below are some of the reasons I support the expansion:

The landfill is an essential resource in our ability to be responsible for our own waste. I am both an employee and a customer who relies on hauling waste to this facility. Hauling the waste to a landfill further away doesn't fix the problem, it just makes people in another part of Oregon deal with our trash. Republic has done an excellent job managing the landfill. Unfortunately, collection customers will bear the burden of increased prices to cover increased hauling cost and Increased collection rates will have a significant impact to our small businesses and my community. Hauling trash to another part of Oregon increases greenhouse gas output from the trucks that haul it, which pollutes the environment we are trying to protect.

Thank you for your attention. I strongly encourage you to vote to expand.