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Commissioners,

My name is Joseph Jaracz 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 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. DEQ has environmental oversight regarding the operations at Coffin Butte, so the landfill is already very highly regulated, which greatly limits any environmental impacts. Republic has done an excellent job managing the landfill.

Collection customers will bear the burden of increased prices to cover increased hauling costs. Increased collection rates will have a significant impact on small businesses in my community.

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

Joseph Jaracz

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