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Dear Benton County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Carl Christianson and I live at 3355 SW Hawkeye Ave, Corvallis, OR 97333. I also own a Construction business in Corvallis that generates construction waste that is hauled to Coffin Butte landfill.

I am writing because I **support** Republic Services' Conditional Use Permit application LU-24-027 to expand the Coffin Butte landfill.

The proposed expansion would **provide additional capacity to store solid waste at Coffin Butte. If the landfill is closed in the near future because there isn't room to expand, there will be significant transportation costs (and emissions) to the next nearest facility (most likely in Arlington, OR).**

**In this time of climate change, the thought of hauling our trash approximately 220 miles (or 3.5 hours each way) would be a net negative on our environment. For example, each dumpster of waste from Corvallis would take approximately 50-60 gallons of diesel fuel to drive it to Arlington and another 50 gallons to return the empty truck to Corvallis. That can't be the best solution.**

There is also a cost argument to be made that the trucking time will cause disposal costs to rise in perpetuity in our area (and throughout the valley).

I **also** believe Benton County should invest in waste reduction, construction waste diversion, recycling, and circular economy solutions, but we are never going to reduce our solid waste to zero.

Please approve LU-24-027. Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the health and future of Benton County.

Sincerely,  
Carl Christianson



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