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Dear Director Brownell,

I am writing to provide public comment in support of the proposal from Republic Services to expand residential recyclables collection to neighborhoods south of Sunriver. As a resident of this area, I believe this expansion would offer meaningful environmental and community benefits.

Many households in our part of the county currently lack convenient access to curbside recycling. This creates unnecessary barriers for residents who want to reduce waste, and it results in more recyclable materials ending up in the landfill. Expanding collection services would make responsible waste management more accessible and would align with the county's long-term sustainability goals.

Improved recycling access also supports broader community values: reducing environmental impact, promoting stewardship of our natural surroundings, and ensuring that rural and unincorporated areas are not left behind in essential services. The proposal outlined on the Deschutes County Solid Waste website demonstrates a thoughtful approach to expanding service while maintaining efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

I encourage the County to approve this proposal and move forward with expanding recycling services to our neighborhood. This is a practical, positive step that will benefit residents and the environment alike.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing work to improve waste and recycling services in our region.

Sincerely,

Julia Sudlow Cole

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