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Dear County,

My name is Noelle, and I am sending this email with regard to the Colorado Pumpkin Patch. The Colorado Pumpkin Patch has been running for 15 years, providing family bonding and a beneficial work experience to those who have been blessed to work with the CPP.

Every year, people from around the state plan a trip to come play at the Pumpkin Patch. The CPP regularly receives visitors from Fort Collins, Denver, Colorado Springs, locally, and sometimes even internationally! The Pumpkin Patch provides more than just a play place, but a place for families to connect, bond, and enjoy time together, outdoors.

I ask for your patience to read these brief reasons why I am asking for the Pumpkin Patch to be allowed to remain in operation by obtaining Hwy 105 access and/or an unrestricted customer limit.

1: The CPP hires and trains many people, giving the opportunity for employment. As a majority, the CPP hires teenagers who have not worked a job before, and provides a safe place for them to learn essential skills for long term employment in the future. These skills include but are not limited to: respect, interpersonal communication, ethics, perseverance, kindness, and motivation. Regardless of age, race, gender, or religion, the CPP has offered this to many.

2: The CPP not only offers benefits to others, but it is the primary income for a whole family. Rather than traditional work, the Chapman family takes pleasure in offering other families the most enjoyable experience possible. They enjoy giving families a mild taste of what farm life is like and giving families a safe place to let their kids run free. To limit or restrict the CPP would take their primary means of support and income and also take away that for other employees who rely on this business as their sole source of income.

3: The CPP offers one of the best local outside agritainment options in El Paso County. There are other pumpkin patches but none that offer the same expansive and enjoyable experience. At the CPP, customers can enjoy a large plethora of activities to enjoy and use to bond with their family and friends. Families return year after year to come enjoy, schools will reserve their field trips, and kids can enjoy just running around and playing, instead of being cooped up inside. The CPP also has a charity program where kids with special needs and their families enter for free. They have used this program to bless hundreds of families every year. CPP provides a safe and fun spot to play while still allowing children to run and play freely.

The concerns that have been raised, such as traffic and noise, as stated by the neighbors, the CPP offers the same opportunity to those neighbors to come and bond with their own family, for free! All neighbors in the surrounding neighborhood are offered free admission anytime with no signup or reservation required. Free of charge, they can come and spend quality family time!

However, due to these complaints, some wish to restrict the CPP to the point where it could no longer function and could no longer provide joy and opportunity to others, with this experience. But to do so would rob a family of their income, teenagers of experience and opportunity, families of bonding and joy, special needs children from a safe place to play, and more.

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch borders Colorado Hwy 105, which could easily be used to provide access to the Colorado Pumpkin Patch without any disturbance to the neighborhood. Even if access does not get granted, I ask that no limitation be placed on Colorado Pumpkin Patch in regards to the public quantity, for the reasons mentioned above. The Colorado Pumpkin Patch has moved through half a dozen locations to find one that will allow them to offer a family friendly experience for all who wish to come. In addition, they add to the monetary value of El Paso County through providing business and making this County a more welcoming and entertaining place to come. I trust that the wisdom of this county board will understand the benefits offered to those who choose to come and enjoy. I hope that this will be the location that finally welcomes the Colorado Pumpkin Patch and allows it to continue its outreach to the locals and special needs community, as well as provide quality agri-tainment for all who come.

Thank you for your time to read through this written petition.

Sincerely,
Noelle Chapman.