

## Ryan Howser

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**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 2:22 PM  
**To:** Ryan Howser  
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Ryan,

Please add this email to the Colorado Pumpkin Patch record too.

Thank you!

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Commissioner Bremer,

I am writing this email in regards to the current dispute over the Colorado Pumpkin Patch.

I am fifteen years old and the first and only job that I worked was at this pumpkin patch. I have now been employed by Mr. Chapman, the owner, for over three years. During this period, I cannot express how much gratitude I feel for having the opportunity to work in an environment where character is taught and hard work is the standard.

Mr. Chapman has served as a role model for me, mentoring me not only in the importance of hard work and integrity, but also in the field of generosity and hospitality. Many times I remember the Chapman's helping their neighbors for absolutely no charge. One particular day Mr. Chapman rode to an elderly neighbor who had recently lost her husband (and was quite lonely) and spent about an hour talking and counseling her. He took me along, and although I couldn't help much, he was not worried at all about the

fact I was still clocked in for pay time. Instead, he cares about impacting his community positively and teaching young men and women lessons in character and hard work.

For three years, I have seen families and children impacted positively when visiting this Pumpkin Patch. Almost all of the stalls/stations are run by the family or by young teenagers such as myself. With the leadership and character of this family, they have instilled a fun and safe culture for families to bond closer together and experience an enjoyable time. I personally have witnessed how much this family takes time to speak with their customers and neighbors, even when other tasks could be accomplished. They prioritize people over profit.

Though there are many more great things I can share about the Chapman family and their business, I hope I have made evident what kind of people they are and how shutting down their business will impact this county and the people in it negatively. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Stuart Denham