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Save our pumpkin patch!

Dear Members of the Board,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the recent discussions surrounding the potential shutdown of our beloved small town pumpkin patch. As a long-time resident of this community, I firmly believe that the pumpkin patch holds immense significance to our town, both culturally and economically.

The pumpkin patch is not just a place to pick out pumpkins; it is a cherished tradition that has been passed down through generations. Every fall, families from our town and neighboring areas eagerly anticipate the opening of the pumpkin patch. It serves as a gathering place where children can run through the fields, pick their own pumpkins, and carve them with their families. The sense of community and togetherness that the pumpkin patch fosters is invaluable.

Moreover, the pumpkin patch plays a vital role in our local economy. It provides employment opportunities for residents, helping to boost our community's financial stability. The economic impact of the pumpkin patch extends far beyond its gates. This is not about development as we have seen that the developers have been taking over our beloved town. We, as a town are very troubled by the increase in development and what to preserve our heritage. That land is also considered to be sared as there is a rare and protected mouse found on this land. Why is this not considered when you are now trying to get the owners to sell there land to developers. I have been around when monument academy was now allowed to build in that place. This is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. You cannot allow developers to have this land.

Furthermore, our pumpkin patch has become a symbol of our town's identity and heritage. It is an attraction that draws visitors from afar, putting our community on the map and helping to preserve the unique character of our town. The memories created at the pumpkin patch are cherished by both residents and visitors, forging lasting connections to our town.

I understand that there may be concerns about the maintenance or financial viability of the pumpkin patch. However, I urge the board to consider alternative solutions that can address these issues while allowing our pumpkin patch to continue serving as the heart of our community. Community

fundraisers, partnerships with local businesses, and volunteer efforts are just a few examples of ways we can ensure the sustainability of this cherished institution.

In conclusion, I implore the board to think deeply about the profound impact that closing the pumpkin patch would have on our community. It is not merely a business; it is a symbol of our shared history, a source of local pride, and a crucial contributor to our local economy. I kindly request that you explore all possible avenues to preserve and revitalize our pumpkin patch so that future generations can continue to enjoy this wonderful tradition.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing more about the board's decision and would be more than willing to contribute my time and effort to help secure the future of our small town pumpkin patch.

Sincerely,

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