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Ryan,

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Dear Board of Commissioners:

Thank you for your service to the residents of El Paso County.

As a resident of Monument, I wanted to express my thoughts regarding the proposed parking limitations that may be imposed on the Colorado Kids Ranch and the negative impact that these proposals may have on the ranch's ability to continue its operations.

I hope that you may consider some of the many benefits that the ranch brings to my life each year:

- Farm Camps: as a single working mom, being able to enroll my children in camp at the Colorado Kids Ranch has been of immense help. Unfortunately, Monument does not have many options for childcare during the summer, much less educational options as the ones offered by the Colorado Kids Ranch. My children have participated in the survival camp, which offered them the opportunity to learn survival skills while having fun. They built structures, learned about navigation, learned fire-making techniques, basic first aid, and they even ate bugs on the last day of camp. Not being able to enroll my children in future summer camps at the ranch would be devastating for my children and certainly impose a struggle on my ability to work during the summer.

- A family tradition: every year, my children and I attend the Tulip Festival and the Pumpkin Patch with our friends and family. We look forward to these events each year and enjoy every minute of them. Among the many activities we enjoy as a family are the hayrides, the slides, human foosball (my son's favorite), laser tag and the pony rides. Like our family, most of my local friends have also made this into a family tradition. My mom and stepdad have also travelled from North Carolina to attend the Pumpkin Patch, creating beautiful memories with my children.
- Giving back to our community: As a member of the Tri-Lakes Rotary Club, community service is part of my life. I will always support organizations that share this passion. The Chapman Family gives back to our community through the Johnny Pumpkinseed nonprofit, waiving admission for special needs kids and foster children. The Chapman family's desire to give back to our community is not a secret in Monument and they are well-known for their philanthropic pursuits to help our community.

While I understand that balancing the many needs of our growing community is a very difficult task, I urge you to consider the many benefits that the Colorado Kids Ranch brings to our community. I pray that some sort of compromise will be reached for this amazing business to continue its operations. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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