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I find it so sad that I even need to write this email. I lived right across the street (18040 Saddlewood) from the Pumpkin Patch for several years. My pasture literally across the street from the Chapman's pasture. It was a joy to see horses, farm animals, and for a few weeks out of the year, happy children and their families enjoying one of the rites of passage into fall – a crisp day spent reveling in Colorado's world renowned autumnal splendor. Wide open spaces are becoming more and more scarce in the Colorado Springs area. Having a farm that is local (although I know many people who travel to the Pumpkin Patch from the Denver area as well) is so important. Kids can learn at an early age what wholesome fun is, how to entertain themselves without an iPhone or computer. And the summer Kids Ranch which teaches kids about ranching, farming, how to take care of animals, without such opportunities we will see more and more kids believe that city life is the only option they have. Colorado's heritage is ranching and farming. Learning to do for yourself. Are we going to let that history slip away? Are we looking to turn Colorado into the next California? I believe the main thrust behind the Canterbury push to shut down the Pumpkin Patch has little to do with concerns about traffic or alleged violations of the law, but more of a personal vendetta. There are a handful of residents who have made it their mission to shut the farm down. I would ask you to find out why that is. Personal feelings should have nothing to do with allowing a wholesome, educational operation like the Pumpkin Patch to exist when such an operation is, down to it's very core, pure Colorado life. Please do not make the mistake of taking away something that our community sorely needs.

Judy LaChat

(ps do not let anyone tell you that we moved because of the Pumpkin Patch – we are in our 70's and decided that maintaining our property and horses was more than we wanted to do)