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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider the fellow communities needs and desires. I both live in the community and am a friend of the Chapmans.

My family has become friends with the Chapmans as a result of the Colorado Pumpkin patch. The patch is a wonderful safe, fun environment that many families enjoy. Starting with the welcoming smiles of the staff members and the heart felt love for the farm from the Chapman family as they work the patch. The hay rides are especially a sweet tradition watching patient men help family's on and off and bring us back to good old fun! The pumpkin patch does just that, helps families to connect and remember how simple life can be. A simple funny sack slide, sand box of corn for friends to burry each other in, face painting are some of them. It would t be the same without the animals though.

All of this would. It be possible to our community if the pumpkin patch can no longer exist. I do NOT feel that the patch is in any way a distraction to the neighbors. The roads are never torn apart from the traffic. The short distance in doesn't seem to allow people to speed either. I cannot imagine that if an entrance off of Hwy 105 would make any difference.

It is a joy to see the kids working at the patch and I love the life lessons of hard work that's modeled there. I have had hopes to soon have my children work at the Patch and learn along such well rounded children.

My family goes to the patch every year and sometimes several times a year. We also go with our homeschool group and it's such a treat to have field trips there. The farm camps are amazing where my kids learn to work with the animals, including the hard work of scooping muck 😊

Thank you for considering my thoughts and the thoughts of others who are reaching out.

Jennifer Trutna