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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch run by John and Bengetta Chapman in Monument, Colorado. This event is looked forward to by many families and children in the Monument community, as well as the surrounding communities. It is filled with fun, safe, family activities that encourage community and unity. The Pumpkin Patch provides physical activity and connection to nature by being outside in the open space. With the stresses that are weighing down families and groups, The Colorado Pumpkin Patch provides an outlet for better mental and physical health. A growing body of research shows that nature has mood-boosting abilities as well as boosting the immune system, and even lowering blood pressure. It is a great way for families to spend time together with their children for more precious family bonding time, which can translate into healthier family dynamics.

Over the years I have seen families build a tradition around visiting the pumpkin patch. They visit the pumpkin patch, pick out a pumpkin, and participate in all the fun festivities. It is great to see the traditions stick in children's minds, and the Colorado Pumpkin Patch is a great way to bring in the fall season in Colorado.

Not only do individual families visit the pumpkin patch, businesses and churches also use the pumpkin patch to bring unity and connectiveness within their organizations by inviting families to come together in a common event. Celebrating at the pumpkin patch together as a group makes the Pumpkin Patch even more special. New relationships are built at the event, which can build a more trusting environment within a group and in the community.

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch is a delightful fun-filled event that often turns into a tradition for families. I can't say enough about the importance of providing healthy events to build bonding time within families and groups. The Colorado Pumpkin Patch does just that.

Sincerely,

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