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Hello, Fellow Board Members.

We need your help! I believe there is an issue with the amount of traffic during the pumpkin patch season as that should be expected. If JD and Bengetta are limited to the number of cars it will make running their business not sustainable as well as cause frustration with families that can't attend due to the limitation of cars each day. I am asking y'all to allow access to the pumpkin patch for this short time of the year.

The pumpkin patch is the best pumpkin patch our family has ever attended. I am a fan of pumpkin patches and all things fall, so I've been to them all! The Colorado Pumpkin Patch exceeds all the other ones. When we moved up here 5 years ago, we were so excited to be able to attend several times throughout the season because of its location. It gives our family a day to spend together, connect with friends and family, and make memories.

Also, the Chapman's are very dear to us. JD and Bengetta have poured their time and energy into two of our children. Our oldest daughter, Olivia, is a previous foster child whom we adopted a few years ago. Bengetta has had the privilege of teaching her in AWANA at The Ascent Church. JD and Bengetta have also had Olivia in their Farm Camp. She is now volunteering on their farm a few times a week. Olivia has strived because of the connections she has made with the Chapman family in all of these activities. The Chapmans enjoy pouring their time and energy into kids that come from difficult backgrounds. Olivia has improved in who she is as a young woman, gained some responsibility, and her social skills have improved because of the Farm Camp, volunteering at the pumpkin patch, the volunteer program they offer throughout the year, and the church activities. She can't wait until she's a little bit older to have her first job at the pumpkin patch.

They also have helped our other child, Christian, who has special needs. Each year, they offer a season pass, and we buy it because we enjoy attending the pumpkin patch throughout the season. We have little ones, so we can't stay all day; therefore, we come back several times. Christian needs to do an activity over and over for him to learn and understand concepts. This past year was his first year he tried riding a pony at the pumpkin patch! That is huge for Christian! Christian is usually terrified of all animals. It's taken several years of attending the pumpkin patch for him to get used to animals and understand the relationship between humans and animals. Christian not only struggles to understand and retain information, but he struggles with fine and gross motor skills; therefore, all the activities at the pumpkin patch challenge him to overcome his fine and gross motor setbacks. He is the most joyful, thankful, appreciated, and happiest kid you will ever meet. All year long, he talks about the pumpkin patch. It will be January, and he will ask to go to the pumpkin patch. He looks forward to the pumpkin patch every year.

I'm asking you to do whatever you all can to keep the pumpkin patch going as it's a safe place for our children, it's part of our Monument community, it brings so much joy to my family and me, and it's our family tradition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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**"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," (Hebrews 12:1).**