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Subject: Chapman family, Colorado, Pumpkin Patch Monument CO

Commissioner Williams.

Given your passion and strong record of improving communities in particular your connection to Monument, we believe this subject matter may be near and dear to your heart .

Thank you in anticipation for your consideration of the difficult challenges of balancing the need for availability of venues that cater to families spending time together in the outdoors, and safety concerns and inconvenience of traffic congestion in the neighborhoods created by such venues.

On behalf of the Chapman family, owners of Colorado Pumpkin Patch, as enthusiastic supporters of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch, as grandparents and local residents of the area since the 1960's and 1970's respectively, herewith our life lessons learnt and views on this matter.

Now, more than ever, the need for venues for family bonding, multigenerational, healthy, outdoor, educational experiences are critical to the health and well being of our families and society at large.

It has been our experience and belief that much of the dysfunction and tragedies dealt with in society today stems from the breakdown of the family unit.

Anything that can be done to facilitate more families spending more time together, in particular in more healthy, outdoor, educational

settings, the more we will see the positive impact on communities and societal behavior.

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch is open 57 days of the year. Of that, historically 10-15 days have been heavy traffic. That is 3-4% of the total time in a year that's disrupted. We have had to deal with Larkspur renaissance traffic since its inception more than three decades ago. We understand the temporary safety and inconvenience concerns. We have not shut them down, nor caused them financial hardship to change traffic patterns.

If we were to limit traffic at popular venues where would we draw the line?

Limit attendance at Churches Synagogue's and other religious gatherings? At Schools? At Colleges ? At Sporting events like Air Force Academy and Bronco games ? On the interstates at rush hour ?

Can we consider mitigating traffic concerns in economical practical ways like Installing temporary portable speed bumps in the neighborhood for the short duration of the event as one option to mitigate neighborhood concerns?

Thank you for what you do for our great state of Colorado,

Respectfully,

Ian and Sally Steyn

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