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To whom it concerns:

I am writing this letter in regards to the concerns about The Colorado Pumpkin Patch, owned and operated, by John and Bengetta Chapman. I have personally known the Chapman family now for about eight years. Our family has participated in the pumpkin patch as well as organized activities for our church congregation to attend the pumpkin patch. We have had wonderful family experiences at the pumpkin patch. There are several reasons that we have supported this locally owned family business.

1. It is local. I believe in supporting local families who have the initiative, drive, and motivation to work hard here in our local community.
2. The Chapmans run their business with integrity and moral values. Anyone in the community can participate in the pumpkin patch knowing that it is a safe environment for people of all ages. It is run by family for family.
3. The Chapmans have provided jobs for several people in the local community who were out of work at the time the pumpkin patch was in operation. These were both youth and adults who had been out of work and who were experiencing tough times.
4. The Chapmans have mentored many young people in good work ethics and morals, helping set them up for success in future jobs.
5. The Chapmans have personally helped my family multiple times when we were in need without asking for anything in return.
6. Being a teacher myself, I know it is nice to find local activities for field trips. I know that local schools have benefited tremendously from the field trip opportunities that they have been given at The Colorado Pumpkin Patch.

In conclusion, I understand that there have been some neighborhood complaints regarding The Colorado Pumpkin Patch. I believe that there are many benefits to the entire community, including but not limited to those mentioned above, that far outweigh any negatives from this local family business in our community. I believe we should support those in our community who have the initiative, self-motivation, and entrepreneurship to care for their own families as well as be a blessing to the community simultaneously.

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