

I am writing in strong support of the Fall Mountain Farm Expansion. I will admit, I am a little confused by the word “expansion,” because I personally visited the farm during peak season last year when there appeared to be roughly 200 vehicles on site, and from what I saw, everything was handled smoothly. To me, this does not feel like a major new expansion. It feels more like allowing the farm to continue operating at a level that was already successfully managed.

Fall Mountain Farm is one of those rare places that still feels rooted in faith, family, hard work, agriculture, and community. It is not just another attraction or seasonal business. It is a place where families make memories, kids learn life skills, and the community gets to stay connected to the kind of agricultural heritage that makes Monument special.

Steve and Cathy have been residents of Mount Herman for nearly 35 years. They have owned several businesses in Monument and have been a blessing to the community for decades. They are the kind of people who quietly help others — plowing neighbors’ driveways in the winter, helping fence in animals, and stepping up when people around them need a hand. They are not trying to disrupt the community. They have spent decades serving it.

The farm also provides meaningful programs for children ages 3–12, teaching responsibility, character, practical life skills, and appreciation for animals and the land. Their willingness to serve children and families, including groups such as the Colorado Autism Society, shows how much more this is than a business. This farm has a heart behind it.

I believe approving this request is important for preserving something valuable in Monument. If farms like this cannot operate sustainably, they eventually disappear. Fall Mountain Farm gives families a place to slow down, learn, gather, and experience something real. That is worth protecting.

I respectfully ask that this request be approved. Fall Mountain Farm is a true community asset, and Monument is better with it here.