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RE: 3BR Custom Cuts Conditional Use Permit Application (CU-23-00001)

Dear Ms. Bacon,

I am writing to express my concern about this application. There are several obvious concerns that come to mind when this type of business is placed in a residential area such as increased traffic, noise, surface water contamination, decreased interest in real estate development, and declining property values, to name a few. My concern is the odor this operation will emit.

Slaughterhouses and meat processing plants produce unpleasant, sickening, at times gut wrenching odor. The problem impacts not only residents who live close to the facility but, depending on weather conditions, can affect people over a large area. On windy days, people who live down wind from the facility will be affected but on a windless day, people in a large radius from the plant will be subject to the smell. Add the heat that is common in the summer months and the problem is magnified.

Ellensburg has done numerous things to increase its appeal to visitors over several decades, such as development of the downtown business area, producing events like Jazz in the Valley, and the Ellensburg Rodeo and Kittitas County Fair, and of course Central Washington University brings thousands of people to Ellensburg. Imagine the image of Ellensburg visitors would have if they happened to visit on a hot summer day during a time of extended air stagnation, a common condition in Ellensburg each summer. Add the smell of a slaughterhouse to the mix and that image of Ellensburg that we have been trying to develop would be shattered. Years ago, Ellensburg had a slaughterhouse and meat packing facility near town and the image was of a place that the wind blew, or it stunk. We don't need to bring that image back.

Sincerely,



Clifford Hubbard