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Dear Commissioner Wachsmith,

Hello, I am writing you a letter today to vocalize my concern about the potential of a slaughterhouse being built in the neighborhood in which my family and I reside. We have lived in this beautiful rural community for well over 20 years. There are several reasons I feel building a slaughterhouse in the Wilson Creek neighborhood is an ill-advised decision.

One of the reasons I feel the slaughterhouse is a terrible decision is the wonder of where will runoff from such an operation go? There is already a high water table in the area. Runoff from this property has flooded neighboring houses off and on for many years. Furthermore, what will the runoff do to our existing wells? Will the slaughterhouse be paying for testing neighboring well water, as e coli has been known to be present in slaughterhouse runoff? Another factor is our soil, as I'm sure you are aware, many of the residents in the area are farmers and growers. How will runoff from a slaughterhouse impact the ability to grow and raise healthy organic food and livestock for our families?

Another concern I have is the potential of the neighborhood suffering from poor air pollution and odor from animal parts waste, the butchering process, and manure produced from the holding pen where the cows are kept. Also, water pollution due to the onsite septic systems if they were to fail for any reason and leach the neighboring water systems?

When you choose to live in a small town like Ellensburg you do so knowing that the people of this unique town have somewhat of the same mindset. We all want to live amongst the beauty Ellensburg has to offer. Another concern I have is the noise, pollution, and traffic of having such an operation will greatly impact the quality of life for so many who simply want peace and quiet. Large scale truck traffic is also a concern to the neighborhood as many of us have families with children of all ages.

I feel a slaughterhouse has no business being in a residential neighborhood. I ask you to empathetically ask yourself, *Would I want to live next to a slaughterhouse?* Please know my family, neighbors and myself all want what is best for Ellensburg, and building a slaughterhouse in this location is not what is best. I am letting you know that I am completely against a slaughterhouse being built in my neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,

Daniel Cook

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