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To Honorable Kittitas County Commissioner's
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To the Commissioners review board,

In considering granting a Business License to Gibson Fruit at 8341 S. Thorp Hwy to sell fruit in an agriculture zone we would like to add our support. It may be questioned why such a permit should be granted as no farm produce is actually grown on the property but such a business can be shown to be a strong supporter of promoting local agriculture.

We have a small orchard, most of our gravenstein apples we can retail but there is a large percent of Fancy Grade apples that we can't sell except to local clientele. It is infeasible for us to do so as the apples have a short shelf life and we have to continue on picking our other variety apples as they come into production.

Gibson Fruit Stand has proven to be our best asset in moving our fancy grade Gravenstein Apples and other fruit varieties that we grow to their client base they have built up over the years. Without such a resource we would have to literally dump our fruit. I know we are not the only farmers to benefit from their small business and appreciate their helping our way of life and in turn we can help return our assets into the local economy.

Sincerely,



Kelly and Nena Kukes