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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support of the new processing plant. This is a highly needed asset to the area in my opinion.

We have a small farm where we have raised our own beef. My family also harvests deer every fall. We have found ourselves calling places all over different parts of Washington to try and find a processing plant who has openings to butcher and process our beef. Last year we had to haul our steers out to Enumclaw to be butchered and processed because every local place here was months and months booked out.

My daughter has raised steers for 4-H and FFA where we saw first hand how many animals were sold at fair. All those animals have to be processed somewhere and how great would it be to have that done locally in our own community, supporting our local ranchers, and business owners.

I grew up in a dairy farm community surrounded by cows and we also had a family owned butcher/meat market right around the corner from my families farm. It has been around for many many years because it is highly needed out there, just as this one in Ellensburg is. There has never been issues with neighbors of this market because anyone that lives out there knows they live in a rural farming area and that comes with cows and other animals, smells of farms, and agricultural based businesses.

I do not know the owners of the proposed processing plant, but I have read all of the information regarding their plans and I fully support this. I believe they have the communities best interest in mind in their plans and their future with this facility.

I urge people to be open minded. It's not a "gross" thing, it's the reality of how our meat is processed and it's much better to have that done locally in our own community than somewhere in China.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Kristen Christensen.

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