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Good morning Kelly,

I was informed this morning that our neighbors on Wilson Creek rd are receiving a ton of negative comments about their proposed meat processing facility.

We live approximately one mile North, as the crow flies, from this location and have lived here for over 40 years.

We have witnessed plenty of growth in the area over the year's and to be totally honest, this is one land use proposal that we are sincerely HAPPY to see going in!

Kittitas County has blossomed with MANY small "farms" where people are trying to live a more self sustainable lifestyle, and every year there are a ton of folks looking for a processor to tend to those animals and turn their hard work into healthy meat for their families, but because our local butchers are already overwhelmed many of those folks are being directed to out of County facilities inorder to get the job done and even still there are long waiting lists. This new facility will also process wild game meat (deer, elk, etc...), and anyone that is from the area already knows how appreciated this will be when hunting season rolls around.

As far as environmental impacts and people's concerns over the number of animals held on the facility, we don't see any problems with either!

The new and updated equipment and methods will surely take care of any environmental issues or concerns, and the property they are on has held livestock for a hundred years so I don't understand why the few animals they will hold on their property should make any difference, especially since we in the area are all on "rangeland" to begin with.

Please, please don't let the naysayers that are unfamiliar with the lifestyles of Kittitas County destroy a much needed service in our valley...

We stand behind this new business venture and look forward to seeing the business succeed!

Sincerely yours

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