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To: Kelly Bacon, Staff Planner, Kittitas County Community Development Services

CC: Laura Osiadacz, Brett Wachsmith and Cory Wright, Kittitas County Commissioners

RE: Opposition to conditional use permit CU-23-00001

Dear Ms. Bacon and Commissioners --

I am writing to share my strong opposition to request from 3 BR Custom Cuts to build a meat-packing plant and slaughterhouse facility along Wilson Creek Road.

This type of facility, built in an appropriate area within the county, could be a net-positive to the local agricultural industry and economy. But for multiple reasons, the proposed site is not the right location. And as the old saying goes, location is everything.

The proposed Wilson Creek neighborhood is not zoned for this type of industrial activity – and with good reason. The area doesn't have the infrastructure to support traffic, water use, and other commercial needs associated with a meat-packing and slaughterhouse business. The area was never intended to be fouled with the noise, air pollution and water contamination from this type of operation.

Additionally, location is everything to the Kittitas County residents who have lived in this neighborhood for years – many for decades – and have invested their goodwill, time, and finances to build a thriving local community in a beautiful setting. I am currently planning to purchase property in this desirable area based on its current state, but will not move forward if a meat-packing plant and slaughterhouse are literally in the neighborhood -- and most other prospective buyers would feel the same.

As a result, allowing the facility to move forward in this area will have a devastating effect on landowners' experience and on property values. Are county officials willing to put the request of a single out-of-state transplant above the environmental considerations of this area,

established land use and financial investment of numerous longstanding residents?

I certainly hope not. I urge Kittitas County Community Development Services and the Kittitas County Commissioners to deny the conditional use permit CU-23-0001.

Sincerely,

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