From: <u>Jami Beintema</u>

To: <u>Cory Wright; Kelly Bacon (CD)</u>

Subject: In support of new abattoir for Kittitas County **Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:31:06 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the Kittitas County network. Do not click links, open attachments, fulfill requests, or follow guidance unless you recognize the sender and have verified the content is safe.

Hello:

We are in desperate need of more slaughter facilities in our county and I am in support of a new one being built in the Wilson Creek area.

Currently, the average wait for custom slaughter is one YEAR. That is the most ridiculous scenario for any rancher to gauge when animals are ready based on an appointment date rather than based on the feed availability and timing of births, etc.

This has traditionally been a farming and ranching community and is a good resource for quality meat with our excellent grazing ground. Let's keep agriculture a priority in this county and support our farmers and ranchers with resources to produce excellent products harvested locally and and at the proper time for the best marketable product.

Thank you,

Jami Beintema

--

Jami Beintema Shepherd, Texel and Coopworth sheep Ellensburg, WA www.cookecreeksheep.com