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

Re: Conditional Use Application CU-2300001

Dear Planner Bacon,

Approval of this Conditional Use permit by Kittitas County would be a blatant disregard of the impact to the many residents who live in the close vicinity of the proposed feedlot and slaughter house. Their ability to enjoy their property will be greatly diminished. Any of us who remember the Schaake feedlot and packing company also remember the odor that filled the valley much of the year and especially during inversions.

The letters of support come from those who do not live near the property. They will not feel the impact of a feedlot, impact to ground and surface water resources, increased commercial cattle truck traffic, noise, offensive odor, and disruption the facility would generate. Comments of adjacent landowners should receive significantly more weight and consideration than those who do not live in the area.

In addition, in 2021 Washington State passed the HEAL Act (Healthy Environment for All Act) that addresses disproportionate environmental impacts and cumulative environmental and health impacts to communities that may not have the financial resources to oppose projects such as the feedlot and slaughterhouse in their neighborhood.

Our county commissioners are charged with protecting public health and safety. Other agencies such as The Department of Ecology, Health, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Transportation were tasked under the HEAL Act with developing and adopting community engagement plans to address environmental impacts to affected communities.

These agencies may need to get involved in this instance to address possible environmental injustice because it appears that at least one county commissioner is willing to ignore potential health threats and support the proposal without sufficient study.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Washington State Department of Health and Human Services, Cc: Washington State Department of Ecology

Cc: Washington State Department of Agriculture