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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Mary Darby; Eric Porter
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Planning Commission use permit hearing for Ripe Choice Farm and Catering

Hello Mary and Eric,

I am June Vejar, owner of The Featherbed Railroad B & B in Nice. I am writing to you on behalf of Tammy and Mark Lipps, owners of Ripe Choice Farm and Catering. It is such a pleasure to see how quickly Tammy and Mark got involved in the Lake County community when they bought the farm here. We have so many enthusiastic small business owners that are coming together to make our community stronger, getting the word out there, spreading the love, and Mark and Tammy are leading the pack. In the time that we have owned The Featherbed (7 years) we have seen significant growth in the businesses of our county, and it is the grass roots approach, everyone supporting one another for the good of all.

It is so nice that there are places like Ripe Choice that can host events. With all of Tammy's catering experience, their farm is a perfect venue. Plus they have the Airbnb loft where guests can stay as well. Mark is extremely involved in the community, sharing so much information in his weekly newsletter, organizing fundraisers. It would be a shame if they weren't able to share their hospitality and talents with others on their sweet farm. People from the city want to get out to the country and have a little slice of our beautiful surroundings for a moment. The more places that can offer events and lodging, the more people will want to visit here and the word will continue to spread, bringing more revenue to the county and all of the small businesses that reside in it.

Please allow them to continue hosting events, we need them in our community.

Sincerely,

June Vejar
Featherbed Railroad Bed and Breakfast