



Letter of Support

January 30 2018

To: Whom it may concern.

Regarding: Letter of support request.

From: Golden Agricultural Society.

The Golden Agricultural Society is a new society that operates in the Golden area and within Columbia Shuswap Regional District Area A. We are a group of farmers that are working together to try and increase local food production in our region, as well as economic opportunities for local agriculturalists by, engaging in activities that are helping promote agriculture.

Please be advised that; the Golden Agricultural Society supports our local Columbia Shuswap Regional District area A agricultural community, In their effort to make the class E licensing more easily accessible to our local producers.

The Golden Agricultural Society believes, that local producers big or small should be able to obtain a class E license regardless of their property's relative distance to a class A abattoir. The Golden Agricultural Society would support these above mentioned efforts in regards to class E licensing if; our local producers are willing to invest and operate their facility within all legislative obligations to class E licensing.

The Golden Agricultural Society believes in, preserving our producers right in order to produce their own products on their own farms, regardless of their properties relative distance to a class A abattoir. This may be a more feasible option for certain producers management skills and styles that may not work in conjunction with their local class A abattoir.

The Golden Agricultural Society is in strong support of class A abattoirs as there is a need for these facilities. The Golden Agricultural Society respects the financial commitment made by the operators but also; believes that a producer should have a fair chance at the option of being a successful applicant for class E licensing if they so wish to do so, in order to have a better chance at their economic well being for them and their families.

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Golden Agricultural Society.