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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I live in the Lewis County area and have noticed a great change in the economy when Wal-Mart arrived in my county. The local Mom and Pop stores have suffered greatly. I for one have chosen not to do business with Wal-Mart and go to the Mom and Pop stores. Seems like when the local people do well with business that always the big corporate greedy businesses come into the picture.

I shop a lot in Yelm and love this small town and its charm. I'm truly appalled with how the Mayor of Yelm has illegally kept anyone opposing the Wal-Mart business from presenting their comments at the city meetings. This is an illegal act. In addition he can't by state law ask what people want to speak about at public meetings so he can then screen them out prior to meeting beginning. I'm appalled that this type of leadership is still in place in Yelm. Many people who live in this area have never been able to voice their concern or opinion nor have legal recourse to do so in a public meeting.

Quite frankly I'm shocked to see that an environmental impact statement is not required for this project. This town will be ruined by traffic! In Lewis County we've had a subdivision in the county not even close to any incorporated city that had to have an environmental impact statement and the developer is still working on getting this project approved and it's been almost 10 years in the process. Sounds like the Yelm Mayor is not thinking about the \_citizens or the environment\_.

So, please let the people of Yelm have a voice. In addition please let the people who choose to travel to Yelm have a voice that they want this town to keep its charm with the Mom and Pop businesses and keep the big box stores out! Let these people continue to make a living and support their own community.

Thank you,  
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