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Dear Examiner,

As owners of a small business in Yelm we implore the city council to seriously consider the ramifications of a Walmart in this small town. Why? That is an excellent question, after all on the face of the situation it looks as if Walmart coming to town would be a good thing. A lot of local people can't imagine why anyone would be against it, as it seems to promise more money, more tax money, convenience, and it just is part of the on-going expansion of the town, why, it's just progress right?

We must answer with a resounding NO! Please think about the following; when Safeway, QFC, Gordon's, or 1st Stop Muffler & Brake Shop came to town did you see any passionate pleadings for these businesses to please not be allowed to come to Yelm? What is all the fuss about Walmart then? Why are all these otherwise thoughtful, intelligent, and upstanding individuals in our community up in arms and causing such a fuss about Walmart? Why are there so many books written about Walmart? Why are there so many committees, websites, and action groups that are solely dedicated to fighting Walmart? Why are all these mothers, fathers, old people, young people, and so many people who live here in YOUR TOWN so passionate against Walmart? Are there books and committees and websites and action groups against Safeway? Against QFC? Against any other big box stores as much as Walmart? No and there is good reason, all these people have taken the time to educate themselves about Walmart. They have heard and read about the horror stories of the many towns across America who's towns have forever been adversely changed after allowing a Walmart to open. We want you to know that all our personal research has lead us to believe fervently that Walmart is NOT A GOOD NEIGHBOR to have.

We passionately urge the city council to educate yourselves about Walmart, and what Walmart historically has done to small towns just like our dear Yelm. This is not some liberal "fad" to fight Walmart's expansion plans. This is NOT some "small vocal minority". People from all walks of life are fighting Walmart from coming to their towns all across America everyday, and there is sound reasoning behind all of it.

We passionately urge you to consider, and to consider deeply, ALL the facts about what kind of impact a Walmart will have on this town, for once Walmart comes to Yelm, Yelm will forever be changed.

Thank you for your time,
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