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Hi Franca,

My name is Lisa Tate and I am a member of the Ventura County Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee (APAC). I was told to address my comments to you regarding the proposed Locally Grown Food Processing Ordinance. I am in support of the proposal that was shared with APAC at our last meeting, though I do have one major concern pertaining to the proposal in part g. section General Standards. I believe that a case could be made that all flat land in Ventura County could be considered "prime agricultural land," resulting in the inability for any food processing facility to be approved. For example, my family owns eight ranches covering 800 acres in the county and I do not believe any flat space large enough to build any reasonable size facility would qualify under the proposed ordinance. I'm not sure if you are able to modify the ordinance in a way that would allow it to become a feasible use for more farmers, but if you are able, I would strongly urge moving in that direction, as I believe it more closely aligns with the intent of the community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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