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To whom it may concern:

My name is Norm Sonnen. I own and operate a small butcher shop in Greencreek, Idaho called "Sonnen Meats". Ty and Cassandra Bartlett have asked me to write a letter in support of them renting a shop to start a meat processing business. I have known Ty Bartlett for about 5 years and Cassandra for about 20 years. They are both hard working and honest people. Ty has had experience in the meat industry back in his home country of England. He has been to my shop and we have compared the American way of cutting to the English way. From our conversations, I can tell that he knows what he is doing.

The meat processing industry has exploded the last three years since the outbreak of covid. Shops used to be booked out maybe two or three months in advance. Now we are booked out a year or more. New butcher shops are needed to take care of the increased demand. There has never been a better time to get into the meat processing business than now. Customers are willing to travel pretty far distances to get animals processed. I can refer customers that I don't have time to help to Ty and Cassandra.

Ty has been pursuing this endeavor for quite some time now. We have had numerous conversations about the various aspects of the industry. This is something he is very passionate about. I can say with confidence that if Ty were to start a meat processing business that he would be very successful.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Norm Sonnen
Owner/President of Sonnen Meats