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This “review” of the current code is anything but, it is a coordinated effort to mirror the coding of Napa Valley and/or Sonoma, California. This board knows this, the documents they are generating appear to be carbon copies of Napa/Sonoma with letterhead and all. Napa nor Sonoma are not like us here in Yakima. They are big industry, thousands visit a winery there in 1 day. That is 1 year of traffic for many wineries in Yakima Co. This appears to be an attempt to gain a beach head into more permits; an extraction of wealth without using taxation. This ladies and gentlemen is taxation without representation, and why our forefathers took the long boat over here so many years ago!

I have watched your meetings and read the articles. The Planning Commision reviewing this code has ignored the Citizen Advisory Group and is out of touch with the citizens and businesses that the code will affect. It is going to have a cooling effect on the vibrancy of my neighborhood if this anti-Agritourism code is written into law without a vote.

And what permits will they be chasing after this? Perhaps a permit to grow your lettuce or tomato on your front lawn because a neighbor complained that it is ugly? Or a permit to have a wedding in the country grass field? (the latter is actually part of this new code)

This anti-Agritourism code will have damaging effects throughout the whole of Yakima Valley and it's small businesses.

Sincerely,
John Glover
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