

Letter: Impact fee discourages businesses

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To understand our nation's persistent high unemployment, we couldn't find a clearer explanation than the local example of Chuck's Produce and its efforts to build a new store on Highway 99 in Hazel Dell. Because the new store will — horrors! — create traffic, Chuck's is faced with a \$1 million impact fee. A Chuck's Produce spokesman stated, "We've built in 49 states and never had an impact fee like that, not even in California."

Now, let's see, what does the dreaded "traffic" consist of? Would that be actual buyers of goods and services driving to Chuck's and other nearby stores to spend money? Yes, it would.

Desperate as Clark County is for jobs, we should be paying Chuck's to build their new store, not taxing them.

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