

My name is Calvin McNary, and I am the FFA Advisor for the Crook County FFA Chapter. I am writing to extend support for the reappropriation of funds to support the Oregon FFA Association made possible in the last biennial with the passage of HB 2444.

As a high school Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor, I have seen the powerful benefit of this legislation through my work with students locally and throughout the Oregon FFA Association. Locally, we have increased our active membership in our chapter by removing the barriers of entry and allowing all students access to the program. Students that were unable to pay membership previously have been able to join us in our program of activities and have benefitted from their involvement. At the state level, I sit on the Oregon FFA Board of Directors and am very familiar with how these funds are being used to create further leadership opportunities and curriculum for all FFA programs across the state. We have been able to continue to provide meaningful leadership development opportunities for our membership throughout Covid-19 because of the support of this legislation. Students, even while not in face-to-face learning environments have still been able to receive valuable instruction from our wonderful community of Agricultural Educators due to the development of these tools..

I would ask that the Oregon FFA Association continue to remain funded in the next biennium so the great work that our association and instructors are doing can continue for the benefit of our students.

Sincerely,  
Calvin McNary  
Crook County FFA Advisor