

Please Fund Career & Technical Student Organizations

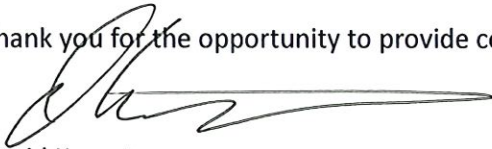
CTSO's such as Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL) rely heavily on grants/donations and volunteers. As a member of the advisory committee and volunteer, I'm asking you to pass legislation that directs funding to programs like this.

There are many long and short term benefits to CTSO's for both the students and communities that offer programs such as FNRL. These benefits include:

- Hands-on experiential learning
- Development of leadership and interpersonal skills
- Produce future leaders for high demand, high skill and high wage jobs
- Community engagement and interaction
- Provides extended learning opportunities to all students of varied ethnic backgrounds and physical abilities

Without stable funding, these educational opportunities are difficult to maintain. It is know that both nationally and locally, we are falling well behind the demand for Technical and Trade skilled workers. CTSO's are a proven avenue to introduce students to these types of careers and they can have fun in the process of learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on these House Bills.



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