

Submitter: Jackson Gordon
On Behalf Of: Mohawk FFA
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5515

Dear Ways and Means Joint Subcommittee on Education,
My name is Jackson Gordon and I am the President for the Mohawk FFA Alumni,
and also a
local business owner in Marcola.
It is incredibly important that we don't reduce funding to the FFA in any way,
especially the
Grants-in-Aid. One example that I know our own chapter uses is a grant used to
teach a Tractor
Driving Certification. Not only is this important for the chapters own use on their farm
but it is
incredibly useful for small business owners and farmers in our area. Plenty of my
past employees
have taken this course that is funded by you.
Not only do these grants help local farmers but they help build decent people. The
funding for
Career & Technical Education gives these kids resources and skills that they will be
able to use
for a life time. It can also help build our agricultural community. A huge reason I am a
hay
farmer is because of what I learned in FFA through these CTE's. I urge you to keep
the funding
at the capacity it is now and not lower the budget in any way so Oregon FFA can
keep building
successful kids.
Thank You,
Jackson Gordon