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Dear Ways and Means Joint Subcommittee on Education,

Agriculture classes were offered in my small Jr/Sr High at 7th grade. During that time I participated in FFA every year and completed three CTE Pathways including agriculture. Being a part of the FFA organization and taking those classes shaped me into the person I am today, as well as helping me find my interests for after high school. Our program chartered in 2016 and it is because of the grants funds we have received we were able to grow and offer the amazing opportunities FFA has to offer.

The grants and funding we received helped us expand our programs, especially since we are such a small school and budgets are tight. As a result of the available grant funding we created a welding shop, the start of a CTE kitchen, offer tractor driving certifications, and allow all students the ability to have FFA membership without additional strain on families budgets. Grant-in-aid funding made it possible to have complete inclusion and program availability to all populations of students. I believe it is important for everyone to receive agricultural education and have the opportunity to be a part of such a unique student-led organization, seeing as agriculture is the backbone of our country.

My goal through furthering my education is to make sure younger generations have the same, if not better, opportunities to be exposed to CTE programs and organizations such as FFA. I want my younger brother to be able to find who he is through the family that is created in the industry and to feel like he belongs somewhere like I did through FFA and the other opportunities created through grant-in-aid funding.

Sincerely,



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