

To whom it may concern,

My name is Katrina Barrowcliff. I am a member of the Mohawk FFA Alumni and I have two children who participate in Mohawk FFA.

Mohawks FFA has been an integral part of our family for many years. My daughter, who is now a Senior in high school, started in 7th grade. She began with showing sheep which led into her own personal business and her integration into our family hay and forestry business. As a result, she competes at the Lane County Fair every year. Recently she earned Youth Producer of the Year from the Lane County Livestock Association; of which is funded with the Summer Ag Ed Days Grant support. Her FFA experience has helped her achieve these personal and financial goals.

My 8th grade son is going to be able to follow in his father's footsteps due to the new welding shop that has been solely funded through the CTE revitalization and high school success grants. These are opportunities a small school would not have without full state funding. Additionally, community connections with the local pipe welding company and the high school have enriched the experience of students.

The funding that FFA provides has helped many in the Mohawk chapter achieve their goals. Grants help to build barns and other enclosures for kids. These grants help to propel the kids to another level in their CTE projects. The grants and funding also help the members learn financial responsibility, as well as other farm management techniques.

Without full funding and grants, FFA wouldn't continue in our area, and that would be a huge dis-service to our kids.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Katrina Barrowcliff