

Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

On behalf of Kendall Auto Group, our organization would like to advocate for the essential role that Oregon FFA and Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs play in shaping the future of our students and our communities. The ongoing investment in these programs provides essential resources that are transformative to students' future careers. Our organization urges you to continue funding these Grants-In-Aid at their Current Service Level, rather than implementing the proposed 11% reduction. These are the programs we are referring to:

- **Oregon FFA Support**
- **Summer Ag Ed Days Grant Support**
- **Secondary CTE Career Pathways Grants**
- **CTE Revitalization Grants**
- **CTSO Student Leadership Center Grant**

Oregon FFA funding has been instrumental in creating new opportunities and resources for local FFA members and agricultural education teachers. In Central Oregon, this funding has removed barriers and increased involvement, allowing students from diverse backgrounds to engage in meaningful agricultural education. For example, a student who faced financial challenges was able to participate in state competitions, gaining invaluable experience and confidence that will serve her throughout her life.

The Secondary CTE Career Pathways and CTE Revitalization Grants have ensured that our educational programs remain relevant and aligned with industry standards. This alignment is critical as it prepares our students for the workforce, ensuring they possess the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in today's job market. From experience, industry partners are committed to hiring graduates who are ready to contribute effectively from day one, thanks to the programs listed above.

The investment in Oregon FFA and CTE programs is an investment in the future of our students and our state. These programs are essential in providing equitable opportunities for all students, equipping them with the skills and confidence required to find future success. We respectfully ask that you maintain full funding for these critical programs at their Current Service Level.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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