

To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee for Education

From: Jeff Papke

RE: Maintain Grant-In-Aid Funding Level

Please maintain the current Grant-In-Aid funding level. CTE programs like Agriculture Education and FFA. We need to maintain the level of support for:

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

These programs provide opportunities to student no other programs can. Students engaged and affected by these programs have a higher attendance rate in all their classes, graduation rate, and are highly sought after by industry and education. This funding has allowed students to achieve industry credentials while in high school that would not have happened without the funding. This funding has allowed archaic CTE programs to step into the 21 century with facilities and equipment. This funding has opened the classroom door to traditionally underserved students to experience and thrive in a CTE setting...giving the a chance for success after high school that was not available to them in the past.

Please maintain the current funding levels for the Gran-In-Aid program. Thank you for your consideration