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To whom it may concern:

We are the 4-H Ambassadors of Osage County. We are a teen leadership group, who work hard to not only promote 4-H, but also attend events to help grow our leadership skills. Throughout our 4-H careers, we have at times needed to miss school to attend these events. Missing school is not something we take lightly. We know that we are missing valuable learning time by doing so. We also know that the 4-H events we are attending also provide a different type of learning avenue for us. We are getting real life experiences that will only help us be more productive members of society. Every year during National 4-H Week we attend our County Commissioners meeting to meet with our Commissioners and share about why 4-H is important to us. By doing this we are learning how our local government is run, how to run a proper meeting, building our communication skills and see how debates happen. We have seen the Commissioners have to de-escalate situations while keeping their remarks unbiased. Many of us show livestock at state and national shows. This often times requires us to miss school. To an unknowing bystander, it might not look like attending livestock shows provides much of a learning opportunity. Showing livestock requires a lot of time preparing before, practicing with our animals, daily grooming, feeding and watering, gathering supplies needed to travel with our animals. We are learning responsibility. These animals depend on us to care for them. At livestock shows, we are learning how to show good sportsmanship towards one another, we learning how to network with others. It isn't all about the win. It is about learning from what went right and what went wrong to improve for the next show. Many of us have attended state wide leadership events. At these events we are pushed to think beyond our small area of Kansas and think about others needs and how we can all help each other. These are just a few examples of the learning that happens because of 4-H. We hope that our experiences we have expressed here give you a picture of the learning that can happen outside of the classroom and school.

Thank you,

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