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Dear Senator Mike Peterson,

Thank you for allowing the FFA license plate bill on the floor. This bill will authorize the creation of a Kansas FFA specialty license plate. These license plates will give Kansas FFA supporters a chance to showcase their commitment to agriculture education and the Kansas FFA Association. This added visibility will encourage more involvement in agriculture education and raise awareness of the significance of agriculture around our state. The agriculture industry is an economic driver in Kansas. This license plate would encourage engagement at all levels including consumers, producers, and those with agriculturally related careers.

This bill will promote agriculture education and FFA in all areas: rural and urban. Currently there are 232 FFA chapters across 103 counties in Kansas. That number grows every year with new agriculture education programs starting their pathway applications with career and technical education. Students involved in agriculture education have the opportunity to grow their leadership, grow mentally, socially and emotionally, and experience career success through hand-on experiences in and out of the classroom. As a career and technical education coordinator and agricultural education instructor, I see the benefits of the program every day. Students learn to lead groups, communicate efficiently, and create friendships that last a lifetime. Students leave FFA chapters and become viable workers, business managers, and entrepreneurs in our communities. Supporting youth in agriculture is a way to ensure our booming industry has future employees and leaders to feed and cloth Kansas and the world.

The funding secured off the license plate sales will be used to provide scholarships, leadership training and local, regional and state activities. I implore you to take action and vote for the Kansas FFA speciality license plate. Your yes vote will allow agriculture education and FFA to flourish in our great state.

Sincerely,

Karl Dawn Stover