

Testimonial for House Bill 2201 – FFA Custom License Plate

Chairman Petersen, Vice Chair Kloos, Ranking Member Corson, and esteemed members of the Senate Transportation committee:

My name is Linda Chase, I have taught Agriculture Education in the state of Kansas for 27 years and I currently serve as the Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Kansas Association of Agriculture Educators (KAAE). I am proud to voice my support and the full support of the members of the KAAE for House Bill 2201, which proposes the creation of a distinctive FFA license plate. This legislation will not only celebrate the dedication and hard work of FFA members across our state, but it will also provide a unique opportunity to raise funds that directly benefit agricultural education programs.

As someone who has witnessed firsthand the profound impact of FFA on young people's lives, I can confidently say that this initiative will play a crucial role in supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders. FFA fosters vital skills in leadership, responsibility, and community involvement, all while instilling a deep respect for agriculture and its importance in our society. I was not fortunate enough to attend a high school that had an FFA Chapter, but living on a farm and having a father that spoke so highly of all his years in FFA inspired me to pursue a career in the agriculture education field. I know that he would be proud of the person that I have become and that his grandchildren have had the opportunity to be part of the FFA. Many families across our state have similar stories and this license plate will bring up those memories and stories as families drive down the Kansas highways and byways. Sharing these stories and memories will bring attention to an organization that has developed premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The revenue generated from the sale of these specialty plates will provide much-needed resources to strengthen and expand FFA programs. These funds will help support scholarships, provide opportunities for students to travel, and enhance hands-on learning experiences for students pursuing careers in agriculture. By driving awareness and pride in FFA through this simple yet effective fundraising effort, we are investing in the future of agriculture and the leaders who will shape it.

House Bill 2201 not only provides a creative way for individuals to show their support for FFA, but it also allows us to honor the values of hard work, community, and tradition that are part of FFA. This will serve as a representation of our state's agricultural roots.

I strongly urge lawmakers to pass House Bill 2201, as it will provide lasting benefits to agricultural education and the countless students who will go on to make a difference in the agricultural industry.

Sincerely,

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