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Dear Senator Harp,

My name is Rebecca Masse and I am a junior in the Glastonbury High School Agriscience program in Glastonbury. I live in Manchester and I attend this regional Agriscience school choice program due to my interest in the animal science field.

As part of this choice program, I am required to take part in a Supervised Agricultural Experience program. For my SAE, I work at a small veterinary clinic in Windsor, CT. Being an animal lover, I can honestly say that I love my job and that I am looking forward to pursuing a career related to animal science. I have participated in many events that the Glastonbury FFA Chapter has to offer. For example, this past October, fifteen of us attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana with over 500,000 FFA members from all over the country.

I am writing this letter to encourage you to please urge the Appropriations Committee to pledge 9 million dollars of the school choice funding increases, as proposed in the Governor's budget, to the State's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs.

Our agriscience programs have been drastically underfunded for over 20 years as compared to the magnet schools, charter schools, vocational technical schools and the other school choice funding programs.

This will allow hundreds of more students, like me, to enroll in these successful programs so they will have the same positive experience I am having now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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