

Senator Toni Harp
Appropriations Committee Co-Chair
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Toni Harp,

3/24/11

My name is Caroline Hilli and I am a freshman in the Wamogo agriscience program in Litchfield. I live in Goshen and I attend this regional agriscience school choice program because I would like to go into the study of large animals to become a large animal vet. I really like the agriscience program because it gives you a chance to look at more options for jobs and to study subjects out of the normal. I am getting a lot out of the agriscience program; I am learning how to become a better public speaker and how to write a proper resume. My SAE will have to do with the large animal field and working on a farm. I am very involved in FFA I go to some of the conferences that they have and you get to meet lots of new people and you learn a lot at them. FFA will help me in the future because I have gone to things like leadership conferences and they will help me to become a better leader when I am older.

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 proposed in the Governor's budget to the state's 19 regional (vo-ag) agriscience programs.**

Our agriscience programs have been drastically under funded for over 20 years as compared to magnet schools, charter schools, vocational schools and other schools choice funding programs (Please see attached flyer with details).

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,



Caroline Hilli