

**Senator Toni Harp**

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

Dear Senator Toni Harp,

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My name is Haleigh Thebarg and I am a freshmen in the wamogo agriscience program in Litchfield. I live in Torrington and I attend this regional agriscience school choice

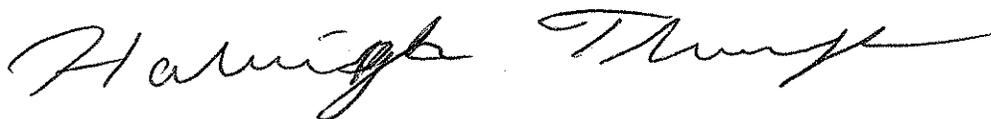
Program because I know that it will help me succeed, give me skills I will need in life, and responsibility.

I want to become a vet. Everyone always told me growing up that I should think of something that would not be such a hard goal. I also have had a learning disability and it has always pushed me to work harder. I never thought it was fair that people could fly by in school but I love the view behind me and the great thing I have done and I am going to see even better things that I am going to accomplished in high school by going to Wamogo.

Ever since I was eight years old I wanted to be come a vet. I always loved animals but it was not till I was eight that my dad told me, "it will always be work unless you do something with your life that you love to do and have a passion for", at that moment I realized I have a passion to take care of animals, to be there in hard time and even the best. To make sure they are taken care of with the best care. About a year latter I started to see a lot of animals abused and neglected, this made my heart grow even more for animals. Have you ever heard, "it is okay to be said about something bad that's going on in the world, but you have to do something about it, you cannot just sit around". That's what I wanted to do something about. I know I cannot save every animal but it is one person at a time.

I have learned so much about animals already and I am only in Ag. one. Over the next three years, I will take courses that I will want to take and that I will need, I will learn so much more. It is only the beginning of the rest of my life. I want to be able to plan it out now so it will come easy for me latter in life. I never had a lot of money growing up and I see how my mom and dad have such a hard time in life and I want to do better. I am going to do better and Wamogo will give me the success, skills and responsibilities I need to get to that point.

Sincerely,



Haleigh Thebarg