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To: The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Dear Mr. Knight, Mr. Nutting, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Briggs, and Ms. Santiago,

Re: UCEE Budget consideration

I am very sorry to hear the 4-H might be on the chopping block as a potential way to save funds in these difficult times. I have 4 granddaughters who reside in Shingle Springs and Placerville who will be without a terrific source of education if that comes to pass.

The oldest has been active for about 7 years. Now, as a 15 year old, she has participated in the County Fair many times, and was invited to participate at U.C. Davis as a representative of El Dorado County. This coming weekend she is going to Cal Poly for another event. She has grown into a remarkable young woman, and 4-H has contributed greatly to her maturity and sense of responsibility.

As a leader, my daughter is a volunteer of countless hours for the children of the county and began the Homing Pigeon Project, a revival of an age old tradition. One of the younger girls participates in the County Fair, and raises rabbits, goats and poultry.

The biggest benefit of all is the healthy and productive path they are led down by participating in 4-H. Without it, there would be too many idle hours for children living in somewhat secluded neighborhoods. The opportunities to get into trouble are all too obvious in any news headline.

I beg you to consider the offsetting costs of more juvenile misbehavior, lower school scores, vandalism, and all the bad things that happen when children aren't given productive outlets for their energy when you decide whether or not to support the UCEE Budget Reduction, and spare 4-H.

Thank you for your consideration,

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