

SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATORS

PLEASE CONTACT OUR AREA SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ABOUT THE MISSING MILLIONS PROMISED TO EXTENSION FOR LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE LINE ITEM IN QUESTION IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS COUNTY BOARD MATCH (CBM). goto www.votesmart.org and enter your zip code to find your legislators' contact information.

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SUBJECT: Save our 4H Club, Release County Board Match University of Illinois Extension Funds (P.A. 095-0707)

Dear _____:

Please help save my 4H _____ Club. The club is part of the Lake County University of Illinois Extension. The Extension has been told we will not receive the \$12.8 million in matching funds which the IL General Assembly already approved. These state funds are for 2008. This dollar-for-dollar match makes up about 50% of every county Extension budget. For Lake County Extension this will require a 44% reduction nearly three-fourths of the way through Fiscal Year 2008. In another words, I/We could loose our club if these funds are not released. Please help us save our club by releasing the promised funds.

ADD YOUR PERSONAL STORY ABOUT HOW 4H HAS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE HERE

4H youth participate in clubs, special interest groups camps and school-enrichment programs throughout the state of Illinois. The University of IL Extension is a vital resource for the youth in the community that needs your support.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Name,

_____ 4H Club member

Address