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Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

am writing in response to hearing that Sandoval County is considering decreasing its support to 4-H and other vital Cooperative Extension Services, such as the canning education and assistance program. I am asking you to reconsider the proposed 30% reduction in funding to these programs, which are now more important than ever.

4-H provides vital education and experience to youth, focusing on the development of society members that will be healthy, productive and service oriented. 4-H provides a unique emphasis on individuals becoming self-reliant and serving others. These 2 traits are critical to maintaining and growing healthy communities within an increasingly unstable economical and political world.

In a COVID world, where we can not be sure of world trade/economy or even national supply lines, we must fully support and grow the programs that are shaping individuals that will be able to provide the most vital elements of our economy. 4-H produces the individuals who will produce the agriculture, livestock and manufactured goods for our country. In a world where self-subsistence is becoming alarmingly less common, I urge you to provide full funding and support to 4-H and other Cooperative Extension services that support community members in providing the basic needs for themselves and their neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Tory Everhart

