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**Subject:** Saving our Extension Agent

To whom it may concern:

I recently attended a meeting in McClusky, ND (Sheridan County) on the upcoming removal of our County Agent. I was amazed that it was proposed to either eliminate our agent, share ½ time with another agent, or make the county pay more. I was appalled to be exact. It seems that the "Larger" populated counties can have several agents, which is fine, but we should go without.

I am not understanding this kind of reasoning. Our Agent fills a lot of different shoes. She has to be familiarized in everything Extension related. She can't just specialize in one thing or another. She is constantly on the go and now, you are throwing her under the bus. Our county is lacking in population. I will give you that. We also pay plenty in taxes, as do most land owners. Why can't we make each county pay just a little more for their agents and keep the percentages the same for all counties. It seems that the person who came up with the plan to affect only the smaller counties is trying to make sure they don't upset the Legislators in the larger precincts. Let's be fair to all of us.

Our agent leads 4-H for our Youth. We already don't have a lot going on for these kids, why take away more from them? We have several community meetings with our Agent. She brings in speakers for Livestock, Grain management, Plant specialist, Soil experts and the list goes on.

All I am asking, Why don't we just raise the rates on every county instead of the 6 or 7 that are already struggling?

I currently Farm and Ranch in Sheridan County (for the past 18 years). I employed at the local elevator (Agronomy Manager). I have 3 kids with my wife and they have all been a part of our local 4-H. With my background, I still use my county Agent to find out answers and to get information out to my growers that I deal with all year long. Please reconsider your suggestions to include fairness to the counties that are already struggling.

Thank You for you time

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