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Dear Florida FFA Members, Advisors, and Correspondents,

Greetings to all across this great association! I, along with many of you, can remember the first day that began our coveted agricultural experience. Some of us come from generations upon generations of farmers & ranchers, with a rich history that defines your morals and passions greatly. For others like myself, I began this life by crossing the threshold of my new agricultural education class, with no plans on what I “wanted to do in life”. Being a geeky & clumsy 6th grader, I wouldn’t have realized that taking a seat in the back-cracking desk and listening to my first agricultural teacher talk about the importance of agriculture would lead me to achieving the ability to potentially serve as a Florida FFA Area IV State Vice-President! This is such an honor & privilege that I will never take for granted, and I am excited to take this next step to represent and serve the great people of the Florida FFA!

With my 7 great years within this organization, I have acquired an awareness of the industry and how I can better promote growth and sustainability across wide fields. A good portion of my FFA experiences explored diverse industries and sectors of agriculture, demonstrated through my performance in numerous CDEs and LDEs listed on my resume. In addition, I hold a critical eye and a level of complexity when it comes to my work, which is shown through my various SAE programs that prepare me for working in both scientific and communication-based settings. Furthermore, my flexibility to understand numerous perspectives while staying true to myself has given me the ability and passion to serve and aid every person I encounter within my life, no matter the walk of life.

I thank you and appreciate your time and consideration. Whether you are a new FFA member or a Florida FFA Delegate, we all know how much this organization has changed our lives. And in these next few days, I hope to have earned your support and that you can take a chance on me to serve each and everyone of you. Even during these unprecedented times, I know that we will rise to greatness and enhance the future of agriculture and the Florida FFA Association.

Sincerely,

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