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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a leader, a parent, a goat breeder and a fair participant. My name is Kimberly Hellums, I am the leader of Destined To Be A Kid 4-H Club out of Canyon County. My daughter, Amanda, wrote the Market Livestock diaries about her Boer Goat for the Idaho Press-Tribune.

The 2009 4-H year was very exciting for the Boer/Market goat breeders in our area; our children were given the opportunity to show and market a goat at the Canyon County Fair, the first in Ada and Canyon County. At the Market Livestock Sale there were representatives of the Western Idaho Fair monitoring the support for the project.

For those that do not already know, this was a very big step for the fair board and many promises were made. Promised to the Canyon County Fair Board were several things including that there would be support for the project in the form of representation at the Market Livestock meetings and monetary support for awards. According to reports for the 4-H office and the Fair Board, no one showed up to support the project at the meeting and a last minute donation from Big Red Boers bought the kids jackets. This is very sad, I only hope that like me the breeders in the area were not aware of this.

The first meeting for the 2010 fair is scheduled for January. I have been notified that if there is no representation at this meeting as well a monetary support, they will be voting that the market goat project be eliminated. After being included for the first time at either of the fairs, we as breeders, can not let this happen.

Having this project at the Canyon County Fair and maybe someday at the Western Idaho Fair, has brought to the public the diverse and beautiful market goat. It only stands to reason that this will increase the interest in the different breeds thus increasing the value of the market animal and breeding animals.

I am going to be the representation for the market goats at the market livestock meetings and I need the help from the associations, clubs and breeders. I want \$500.00(less than ½ of the actual amount needed) in sponsorships to present to the board at the January meeting. I have \$100.00 from The Amalgamated Sugar Co. LLC. This will be designated towards Showmanship awards as well as the sponsorship from Big Red Boers.

It has been said that the breed associations and the local clubs want to help and include the youth. We have a chance. Let us not waste it.

Sincerely;



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