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Sent to: Members of the National Coordinating Council
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Subject: S. Congressional Resolution No. 40

The members of the Board of Directors and National Officers, Future Farmers of America, Incorporated, at a joint meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, on January 31, unanimously requested that I inform you of their reaction to the Congressional Resolution No. 40 which recently has been circulated by several other organization members of NCCVSO. The FFA Boards were astonished to see the name of FFA attached to this Resolution without their knowledge and approval.

The FFA Board Members and National Officers do not object to a Congressional salute to Vocational Student Organizations, including the FFA, as provided in Section 1 of the Resolution. However, they are very much opposed to Section 2 in which Congress is being asked to request States to provide direct financial assistance to the student organizations themselves. The leaders of FFA hold the philosophy that the student organization is an inseparable part of the instructional program of Vocational Education in Agriculture and, as such, it relies upon appropriations in Vocational Education at the Federal, State, and local levels for its support. The Future Farmers of America is a laboratory for teaching and creating incentives in leadership, citizenship, occupational pride, community development, character, assumption of responsibilities, personal development, and respect for others.

In 1950 the U. S. Congress passed Public Law 81-740 which protects the above philosophy and makes personnel in Vocational Agriculture, at all levels, responsible and accountable for the organization and its use as an effective laboratory in Vocational Education. The FFA Boards would not want to be a party to any movement which will weaken its ties to Vocational Education by stimulating separate ear-marked appropriations for a vocational student organization in agriculture.

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