



Suggested Message (spoken request or written message) For Extension Council members requesting a constituent to contact elected officials.

Dear _____,

You have been a supporter and beneficiary of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's programs in _____ *list content area(s)* _____. Your involvement in _____ County Extension has been appreciated.

Extension is a unique partnership between federal, state and county governments and the citizens of Iowa. State funds account for 27 percent of Extension's \$90 million budget. More than 26 percent of Extension's budget consists of grants, user fees and gifts. County funds make up 37 percent of the budget, and federal funds account for 10 percent. However, without the state's investment, the partnership supporting Extension would collapse and the states land-grant education programs would end.

I need your help in telling the governor and your state representative and senator about your positive experience with ISU Extension and Outreach and our _____ *program(s)* _____. They need to know how their constituents feel. You could send a powerful message and provide an important voice of concern in behalf of the essential programs we have in _____ County and our state.

To make a contact, please call, write or e-mail our public servants as follows:

(Insert contact information)

If you have a direct relationship with our legislators or have an opportunity to meet with them in the coming weeks, your message will be even more powerful. We ask that contacts be made as soon as possible.

Your message need not be long or involved. Simply state how you have benefited from your local county extension program and why you feel it should be preserved. If you would like help in developing your message, I would be happy to assist you. You may call or e-mail me at: _____ *phone, e-mail address* _____.

Sincerely,
Council Member's name