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Dear Junior Livestock Auction Supporter:

My name is Elizabeth Beebe and I have been chosen as this year's Santa Maria Fairpark Foundation Scholarship Animal Project recipient. On behalf of the Fairpark Foundation, I would like to invite you to this year's Santa Barbara County Fair Large Livestock Auction which will be held on **Saturday, July 16, 2022**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Santa Maria Fairpark. **My lamb, Penny, will be auctioned right after the champions on Saturday.** The money raised by my lamb during the auction will support the Foundation's efforts to improve the fairgrounds and support local youth, like me, with scholarships and educational opportunities. Any donations are appreciated and the price per pound can vary, including donations as low as \$1 per pound. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

I have been raising sheep since I was 13 and I started raising them while I was in Los Amigos 4-H. In my 4-H group, I was the rabbit leader and group treasurer. During that time, I won Grand Champion for my meat pen rabbits and was asked to be a youth judge for the mini-members showing rabbits. My last four years have been spent contributing very heavily to my hometown, Santa Maria, and my FFA chapter, Pioneer Valley FFA, with over 2,500 hours involved. Over that time, I have raised lambs, cattle, and rabbits. I was Pioneer Valley FFA chapter's vice president this year. I was also the Santa Barbara Section FFA Treasurer for the 2020-2021 year and I was the Regional Vice President for the 2021-2022 year. This year, alongside Penny, I am also raising a heifer for our county fair named Poppy.

Outside of FFA involvement, I received the Youth Activist award for the Santa Barbara County Action Network because of my involvement in a local agriculture and community advocacy group called CAUSE. Furthermore, I recently graduated from Pioneer Valley High School in the top 5% with a 4.1 GPA in my class of 717 students where I was a 4-year AVID student and a 4-year CSF honors recipient. I was accepted to Cal Poly SLO and will be enrolled to study Agricultural Communications with a minor in soil science in the fall. My hope is to become an agricultural lawyer and continue my advocacy for agricultural workers as I was doing with my work as a CAUSE member.

Thank you for your time and consideration, it is much appreciated. I hope to see you at the auction on Saturday, July 16. If you have any questions regarding my project, please email me at elizabeebe03@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Beebe