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TO: Bill Ussery, Chairman Finance & Budget Committee  
All Finance & Budget Committee Members

RE: 2019 Washington County Cooperative Extension Service Budget Request

Dear Committee Members,

Attached you will find 2019 budget request for Washington County Cooperative Extension Service.

The Washington County Cooperative Extension Service total budget is dependent on County government cooperating with State government to provide services to Washington County residents. For every \$1 you invest into County Extension program the State contributes \$2. The Extension Service's County budget is 98.9% salary. Keeping this in mind, the only item I cut is a non-salary budgeted item, cell phones. County Agents serve all Washington County residents at all times which cell phones have made Agents work efforts and responses more effective and relevant to today's expectations from residents. I have asked Agents to use private cell phones to conduct county work. I would appreciate a consideration for restoring the Washington County Extension Service 2019 Budget to the 2018 level.

I will be glad to appear before the Finance & Budget Committee to address any concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Berni Kurz

Washington County Extension Agent