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Dear 4-H members and families,

As some of you may know, Kansas 4-H has been looking at ways of securing strong and stable sources of funding so that we can continue to provide positive educational experiences to young people across Kansas. We remain committed to teaching life skills so all youth can reach their full potential. While we continue to celebrate – and appreciate – the dollars that are entrusted to Kansas 4-H, declining state funding for K-State Research and Extension and 4-H makes it difficult to create and sustain high quality and relevant 4-H youth development programs.

Beginning October 2, 2017, an annual K-State Research and Extension 4-H program fee of \$15 per member will be collected. Funds generated will strengthen our program priorities of volunteer development, project support and program enhancement. We understand you will have questions about methods of payments, how and when to pay, and we encourage you to read the attached *“Investing in the Future of Kansas 4-H; a Guide to the 4-H Program Fee.”* We feel this guide will be most helpful in answering many of your questions.

Our #1 goal is for Kansas 4-H to continue to enrich the lives of its youth members, families and adult volunteers. We want the implementation of the program fee to be as easy and smooth as possible. Please read your newsletters and emails as we continue to roll out information regarding the enrollment process for 2017.

Thanks for always “making the best better!”