

Colorado Coalition Opposing Mandatory 4-H and FFA Premises I.D.

Action Plan, May 2007 - SEVEN EASY STEPS!

Step 1: Review talking points.

Step 2: You or your organization should sign on to become a member and supporter of this coalition using the attached document.

Step 3: Contact your local County Commissioners, asking them to pass a resolution opposing the implementation of mandatory premises registration and animal identification for 4-H and FFA in your county. (A draft resolution is provided by this coalition. See attached document).

Step 4: Contact your elected state representatives and senators by phone and mail, making clear your opposition to Colorado State University's Cooperative Extension Program's intention to mandate premises registration and animal identification for 4-H and FFA youth in Colorado. Ask them to contact Jeff Goodwin and Dr. Marc Johnson to instruct them to immediately cease and desist with implementation of this program.

Step 5: Write a letter to the editor expressing your opposition and circulate it to the media focusing on the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper along with your local publications. We suggest you focus on the Fort Collins Coloradoan because of its proximity to Colorado State University and Denver. The Coloradoan limits the length of letters to the editor to 250 words maximum. You can email your letters to opinion@coloradoan.com or fax them to 719/224-7899. Be sure to sign your letter and provide your personal contact information to verify the origination of the letter. Publications will not print unsigned, unverified letters.

The talking points provided by this coalition provide you with core information to be included in your individual letters. It is paramount that a public demonstration of opposition begin occurring immediately.

Step 6: Write to Governor Ritter expressing your opposition. Address: Governor Bill Ritter 136 State Capitol Denver, CO 90203-1792

Step 7: Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives asking them to contact Colorado State University President Larry Penley instructing him to cease and desist with the implementation of mandatory premises registration for 4-H and FFA. This is a very effective method. If you're not sure who your federal officials are you can research this

information at www.visi.com/juan/congress/.