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Greetings from Stanfield, Oregon. My name is Nathan Hurty and I count it a great privilege to be a part of the Stanfield FFA program. I have dreamed of becoming a State Officer ever since that day my freshman year when two Oregon FFA State Officers visited my school as part of their leadership tour. As I have become more and more involved with the Stanfield chapter, my love, respect and admiration for this program has only increased. Early in my high school years I was a quiet, shy individual. My involvement in FFA helped me tremendously to overcome those tendencies by pushing me to do better and encouraging me to interact with other people. FFA has helped me to uncover potential and grow as a person in ways that I, at the time, could not even imagine. Also, FFA has helped me to awaken and develop leadership skills that I did not know I had before becoming involved with this organization. I could go on listing all of the ways that this great program has helped to develop me as person, but for the sake of brevity I will stop here with the major highlights and simply state that involvement with FFA has been one of the most positive experiences of my life.

I have discussed some of the ways that FFA has shaped my personal identity and helped me to grow as a leader. But the fact is that if a person is running for State Office only because of what it can do for them or the personal benefits that it may hold, they are running for all the wrong reasons. If personal gain is the main desire for becoming a State Officer I believe that person will not make a very good officer. What should drive a State Officer is the desire to service the members. I deeply respect the FFA program. FFA has made a big difference in my life and I want to serve so that others benefit as I have. I believe that we should seek to give back what we have been given and being a State Officer is one way that I could do that. Participation in FFA has helped me to grow as a person and it has brought me joy. I would love to be able to serve so that others could have the same experience that I have had.

I deeply desire to have a positive influence on younger members just as those two officers did on me during my freshman year at Stanfield. This passion and love for the organization is what drives me to want to share it with others so that they come to realize what a fantastic organization the FFA really is. For these reasons I am very proud and excited to submit my candidacy as a 2016-2017 Oregon FFA State Officer.

Sincerely,

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