Dear Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Volunteers,

At the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, we celebrate National Volunteer Month each April as an opportunity to recognize and thank the people and programs that drive our agency's success. Simply put, Extension would not exist in its current form without you.

Across Texas, thousands of volunteers support our mission every day. Through Texas 4-H Youth Development, volunteers help young people build confidence and leadership skills. Our Master Wellness Volunteers promote healthier communities through education and outreach. Texas Master Naturalists connect Texans to the land and help protect natural resources. Texas Master Gardeners share trusted, research-based knowledge and maintain a valued presence in their communities. The impact of your service reaches far beyond individual programs. In many communities, you are the face of Extension, building trust and ensuring that science-based education reaches those who need it most.

As Texas continues to grow, so does the importance of your role. Your willingness to serve allows us to remain a trusted partner in every county and community across the state. I also want you to know that your work does not go unnoticed. When I meet with members of the Texas Legislature, I consistently hear appreciation for Extension volunteers and the impact you make in your communities, often described with genuine gratitude and respect.

We are truly grateful for your dedication, leadership, and belief in the mission of Extension. Your commitment, generosity, and steady presence make a lasting difference in communities across Texas. Thank you for the many ways you make Texas a better place.

Sincerely,

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