United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 12, 2019

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in sending a letter to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies supporting Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Electric Loans.

Many rural electric cooperatives, which cover 75 percent of the nation's landmass and serve 12 percent of electric consumers, rely on RUS loans, which are paid back in full, to ensure affordable access to electricity for their consumers. RUS loans return money to the Treasury each year and are expected to reduce the deficit by more than \$160 million in fiscal year 2019 alone.

To sign this letter, or for more information, please contact Dan Hillenbrand at <u>Dan Hillenbrand@inhofe.senate.gov</u> in Senator Inhofe's office or Valerie McMakin at <u>Valerie McMakin@tester.senate.gov</u> in Senator Tester's office. The deadline to sign this letter is close of business, April 3, 2019.

Sincerely,

James M. Inhofe

United States Senator

Jon Tester

United States Senator