

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 11, 2016

SUPPORT OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in a letter to the House 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 to ensure affordable access to electricity for their consumers.

RUS loans are paid back in full. The request to the Committee is consistent with last year's level and actually below the President's Budget Request for FY2017. The RUS loans return money to the treasury each year, and according to the Budget Request will **reduce the deficit by more than \$300 million in 2017 alone.**

To join us in signing the letter, below, please contact one of the following staff by **Monday, March 14, 2016:**

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Sincerely,



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