

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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SUPPORT RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE ELECTRIC LOAN PROGRAM

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 historically paid back in full to Treasury, and according to the FY 2019 Presidential Budget Request, they will reduce the deficit by more than \$161 million in FY 2019 alone. Additionally, our funding request to the Committee is consistent with the currently enacted FY 2018 level.

To join us in signing the letter, below, please contact one of the following staff by Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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Sincerely,


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