

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt, Chairman
House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Farr, Ranking Member
House Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member Farr:

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2014 Agriculture Appropriations bill, we write to express our support for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development funding. While we acknowledge the current budgetary situation, and understand some programs function more efficiently than others, Rural Development funds assist rural citizens in finding solutions to their significant and unique challenges.

USDA Rural Development assistance allows communities to leverage limited dollars for projects including water and wastewater infrastructure, broadband deployment, and small business and community development programs. Adequate resources will allow USDA to partner with local governments, businesses, and individuals to create jobs and enhance economic growth in rural areas.

Thank you for your efforts. We remain committed to working with you to develop responsible spending priorities. Assisting the many rural communities struggling under today's difficult economic conditions will help them prepare for the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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