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2 Days Until the Senate Deadline!

Call Your Senators Today - 2 Days Until Deadline!

So far, 10 Senators have signed onto the Schumer [Dear Colleague Letter](#) in support of funding for USDA Rural Housing programs in Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16), including Boxer, Brown, Carper, Heitkamp, Hirono, Leahy, Sanders, Schumer, Warner, and Wyden.

The deadline is just 2 days away - Wednesday, March 25th!

Please call your Senators TODAY and TOMORROW and ask them to (1) sign onto the [Schumer Dear Colleague Letter](#) and (2) submit an [Appropriations Request](#) for these critical programs.

Senators can sign on by contacting Lane Bodian (lane_bodian@schumer.senate.gov).

[NRHC's targets](#) include those Senators who [signed on last year](#), including Baldwin, Cantwell, Coons, Durbin, Franken, Gillibrand, Kaine, Klobuchar,

Manchin, Schatz, Shaheen, Stabenow, and Tester, as well as those who signed on in either [FY13](#) or [FY14](#), including King and Bennet.

Remember, even if your Senators do not want to sign onto the Schumer Dear Colleague Letter, please ask them to include USDA Rural Housing Programs in their [online Appropriations Requests](#).

50th Anniversary for Self-Help Housing - CORRECTION

The National Rural Self Help Housing Association webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at **12:00pm PST/3:00pm EST** (a previous Budget Bulletin listed an incorrect time).

NRSHHA has developed an exciting slate of activities to celebrate the 50th year and 50,000th home built under this program. NRSHHA would like to invite you to participate in a webinar to hear about all the activities and to learn what you can do to participate.

Register TODAY!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The webinar will include:

- The unveiling of the new National Self-Help Housing logo;
- A preview of the new National Self-Help Housing website;
- A call for celebration events orchestrated by every Self-Help grantee across the country in June; and
- A preview of the Drop Box-site Tool Kit with resources to support press, social media, and day-of-event activities.

If you have any questions, please contact the NRSHHA coordinator, Joni Foster at 512-995-8202 or Joni@FosterCDC.com.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Mickelson