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## **Advocating for Rural Housing At Home**

Every summer, Senators and Representatives leave Washington, D.C. and head back to their home districts. This year, Members of Congress will also be in their districts for several weeks leading up to the November midterm election to speak with constituents, attend public events, and shore up votes.

While this provides rural housing advocates with an excellent opportunity to start or continue to build strong relationships with their Senators and Representatives and to raise awareness of rural housing issues, the time to start planning is NOW!

To help you get started, we are sharing a copy of <u>NRHC's Advocacy Toolkit:</u> <u>Making The Most of Congress' Time At Home</u> with tips on how to:

- Invite your Member of Congress to visit your organization;
- Meet one-on-one with your Member of Congress in the district; and
- Partner with local organizations to host or attend Town Hall meetings.

The Senate will be on recess from August 4th to September 5th. The House will be on recess from August 1st to September 5th, and again from from October 3rd to November 11th. For the most up-to-date information, check out the <u>Senate calendar</u> and <u>House calendar</u>.

If you need any assistance planning or organizing an opportunity to engage your Senators or Representatives this summer, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Thank you for your support,

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