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The deadline for Representatives to sign onto [Rep. Hinojosa's letter to President Obama](#) has been **extended to Wednesday, December 10**. The letter urges President Obama to make Rural Development programs a higher priority in USDA's Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Budget Request.

**Please call your Representatives TODAY and TOMORROW and ask them to sign on to this letter!** To sign on, they should contact Fernando Ruiz in Hinojosa's office (Fernando.Ruiz@mail.house.gov).

So far, 11 Representatives have signed on, including: Rob Bishop, Grijalva, Vargas, Bennie Thompson, Vela, Stewart, Tim Ryan, Garcia, DelBene, Ellison, and Don Young

In recent years, USDA has proposed to cut Rural Development programs by \$1 billion.

### **NRHC Election Results**

At the Annual Business Meeting last week, NRHC Members elected the Board of Directors Class of 2017 and the 2015 Executive Committee. We want to congratulate those who were elected and thank all members for voting.

NRHC's 2015 Executive Committee includes President Karen Speakman from NCALL Research (DE), 1st Vice President Marty Miller from the Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing (WA), 2nd Vice President Kathy Tyler from MET, Inc. (TX), Secretary Hope Cupit from Southeast RCAP (VA), Treasurer Lee Beaulac from Beaulac Associates (NY), Officer Stan Keasling from RCAC (CA), and Officer Tom Carew from Fahe (KY). Their term begins on January 1, 2015 and ends on December 31, 2015.

Newly elected Board Members include Toby Best from Homes in Partnership (FL), John Fowler from Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation (CA), Anand Kannan from WNC & Associates (CA), David Jackson from Delta Housing Development Corporation (MS), Neal Gibson from Northwest Regional Housing Authority (AR), and Kyle White from Little Dixie CAC (OK). Their three-year term begins on January 1, 2015 and ends December 31, 2017.

We are looking forward to working with NRHC members and Board of Directors in the coming year.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Mickelson