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Tell President Obama to Make Rural Housing A Priority!

Letter to the President: Deadline Extended to Friday, January 10

The deadline for Representatives to sign onto Rep. Hinojosa's (D-TX) letter to the President, asking that Rural Development be a higher priority in the upcoming FY 2015 budget, has been **extended to Friday, January 10th**.

Please call your Representatives this week and ask them to sign onto [Rep. Hinojosa's letter to President Obama and USDA!](#)

Over the past several years, USDA has proposed drastic cuts to Rural Development programs, including critical Rural Housing and Water/Wastewater programs. In fact, since 2010, the Administration has proposed to cut these programs by over \$700 million! At the same time, the need for more affordable housing and basic services in rural and small town communities continues to grow.

So far, Reps. Brown (D-FL), Blumenauer (D-OR), Bonamici (D-OR), Christenson (D-VI), Enyart (D-IL), DeFazio (D-OR), Grijalva (D-TX), Kilmer (D-WA), McIntyre (D-NC), Ryan (D-OH), Vargas (D-CA), and Vela (D-TX) have joined Rep. Hinojosa!

Earlier this year, the following Representatives--excluding those who have already signed on to the Hinojosa letter--wrote to the Appropriations Committee in support of greater funding for Rural Development programs. These individuals are good targets for the letter:

Bordallo	GU-01
Brownley	CA-26
Bustos	IL-17
Butterfield	NC-01
Capps	CA-24
Cartwright	PA-17
Castor	FL-14
Clay	MO-01
Cleaver	MO-05
Costa	CA-16
Davis	IL-07
DelBene	WA-01
Ellison	MN-05
Gabbard	HI-02
Gallego	TX-23
Garamendi	CA-03
Green	TX-09
Hanabusa	HI-01
Hastings	FL-20
Heck	WA-10
Holt	NJ-12
Huffman	CA-02
Johnson	GA-04
Keating	MA-09
Kirkpatrick	AZ-01
Kuster	NH-02
Langevin	RI-02
Larsen	WA-02
Loeb sack	IA-02
Lujan	NM-03
Lujan Grisham	NM-01
Lynch	MA-08
Matsui	CA-06

McGovern	MA-02
McNerney	CA-09
Negrete McLeod	CA-35
Nolan	MN-08
Pierluisi	PR-01
Pocan	WI-02
Ruiz	CA-36
Sablan	MP-01
Schakowsky	IL-09
Schrader	OR-05
Sewell	AL-07
Shea-Porter	NH-01
Takano	CA-41
Thompson	MS-02
Watt	NC-12
Welch	VT-01
Wilson	FL-24
Young	AK-01

If your Representative has any questions, they can contact Holly Bullard in Hinojosa's office at holly.bullard@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your support,

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