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House Passes Farm Bill With Rural Definition Provision

This morning, the House voted 251 to 166 in favor of the Farm Bill, which includes a Rural Definition provision ([Section 6208](#)). A vote in the Senate could come as early as next week, where it is expected to pass.

The provision extends current law through the 2020 Census and will increase the population threshold from 25,000 to 35,000 once it becomes effective on October 1, 2014. This will help ensure that low-income families--particularly those living in metro counties--will have access to critical USDA resources and programs. In addition, it will provide much-needed certainty to rural housing developers and organizations.

As we mentioned before, Section 6208 is a significant victory for the National Rural Housing Coalition, its members, and the communities and families we serve! Thank you for all of your hard work over the past 2 years! This certainly could not have happened without your support!

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Mickelson