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Call Your Representatives and Ask Them To Support Funding for USDA Rural Housing Programs!

Right now, Congress is beginning to put together their 2016 budget for USDA Rural Housing programs. Because of increased pressure on Congress to cut federal spending, it is critical that rural housing advocates call their Representatives and urge them to support funding for these programs. As a constituent, you can make a difference!

Please **CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES** and ask them to (1) Sign the [Hinojosa/Duffy Dear Colleague Letter](#) and (2) [Submit an Appropriations Request](#) for these programs!

The deadline for Representatives to sign on has been extended to March 10, while the deadline to submit an Appropriations Request is March 23. Each office can contact Fernando Ruiz (Fernando.Ruiz@mail.house.gov) to sign on.

[A Step-By-Step Guide](#)

NRHC created a step-by-step guide to help you advocate for USDA Rural Housing programs, including a [sample script](#) and a list of [NRHC's Congressional Targets](#).

When reaching out to your Representative, remember to share with them a copy of the [Hinojosa/Duffy Dear Colleague Letter](#) and [NRHC's Appropriations Request Spreadsheet](#). This is an important resource for your Representatives because it includes the information they need to make an online Appropriations Request.

In addition, please feel free to share with them copies of [NRHC's Fact Sheets](#) on critical USDA Rural Housing programs.

Congressional Support

So far, 15 Representatives have signed onto Rep. Ruben Hinojosa's (D-TX) and Sean Duffy's (R-WI) bipartisan Dear Colleague Letter in support of funding for critical USDA Rural Housing programs. This is a great start, but we have a lot of work to do.

These Representatives include: Brownley, Ellison, Duffy, Garamendi, Gosar, Grijalva, Hinojosa, Jackson Lee, Larsen, Lujan, Sablan, Takai, Vargas, Welch, and Donald Young.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Mickelson