

April 26, 2021

The Honorable Sanford Bishop  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration and Related Agencies  
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
Administration and Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6016

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Fortenberry:

As you consider the fiscal year 2022 Agriculture Appropriations bill, we write to express our strong support for funding the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Electric Loans at the same level as last year.

Consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives generate less than five percent of the nation's electric power but maintain 42 percent of the nation's electric distribution lines. Electric cooperatives' distribution systems cover 56 percent of this country's land mass while serving only 12 percent of American electric consumers. Electric cooperatives use RUS Electric Loans to finance electricity distribution, transmission, and generation to provide affordable, reliable, electric service to approximately 42 million people every day.

As you know, these loans are repaid with interest and have an extraordinary track record of repayment. RUS Electric Loans also contribute to deficit reduction. Electric loans made in fiscal year 2019 netted \$219 million to the U.S. Treasury.

We also urge that RUS lending continue to be driven by the needs of the borrower rather than limiting the types of projects eligible. This flexibility will help meet the diverse challenges of RUS electric borrowers and ensure loans are available to support distribution projects, transmission projects, environmental upgrades, or the construction of new generation sources.

Lowering the U.S. deficit and keeping co-op consumers' electric bills affordable are mutually beneficial goals we can all support. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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