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Ms. Tracy McIntyre, Executive Director, Montana Cooperative Development Center, Eureka, MT, on behalf of the Association for U.S. Cooperatives.

Mr. Michael S. McWaters, Chief Executive Officer, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Live Oak, FL, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Mrs. Lori Blair, Executive Director, Minnesota Rural Water Association, Elbow Lake, MN, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association.

Mr. Randy Welch, Senior Training & Development Lead, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Goldston, NC, on behalf of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership.

Ms. Betsy Biemann, Chief Executive Officer, Coastal Enterprises Inc., Brunswick, ME.