

Support Letter for the Rural Energy for America Program – REAP Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Andy Harris, Chair
House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Chair
Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr., Ranking Member
House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable John Hoeven, Ranking Member
Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

Re: Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Support Letter for the Rural Energy for America Program – REAP

Dear Chair Harris, Chair Heinrich, Ranking Member Bishop and Ranking Member Hoeven,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to support the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) with full mandatory and discretionary funding at \$30 million as you consider agriculture appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2024. This funding commitment will sow the seeds for a strong rural clean energy economy that benefits farmers and rural small businesses.

REAP has a strong track record of success. Since its inception, REAP has helped over 22,000 farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses to adopt clean energy, cut energy costs, and boost rural economic development. REAP is popular and widely supported, with applications greatly exceeding available funds.

Through energy audits and renewable energy development assistance, REAP opens new opportunities for more farmers and rural small businesses in every state and across agricultural sectors. REAP supports a wide range of clean energy choices that help cut farm input costs and increase income; REAP supports wind and solar power, energy efficiency and more.

Since the 2014 Farm Bill, REAP has leveraged nearly \$10 billion in private investment in rural economies, increasing rural economic development and growing new opportunities for rural small businesses and agricultural producers. REAP provides an effective way for rural America to be part of the climate solution with new and innovative cost-cutting technologies to keep young generations in farming and rural communities.

Maintaining mandatory REAP funding and providing \$30 million in discretionary funding in FY 2024 will bring the benefits of the program to more farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses.

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With your funding commitment, REAP will drive renewable energy and energy efficiency investments in every state and across agricultural sectors.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

National and Regional Groups

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Advanced Biofuels Association
Agriculture Energy Coalition
American Biogas Council
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
American Council on Renewable Energy
American Farm Bureau Federation
Appalachian Voices
Beneficial Electrification League
Business Council for Sustainable Energy
Distributed Wind Energy Association
E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs)
Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Environmental Working Group
Geothermal Exchange Organization
League of Conservation Voters
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Center for Appropriate Technology
National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI)
National Farmers Union
National Milk Producers Federation
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Solar Energy Industries Association
Solar United Neighbors Action
Solutions from the Land
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance
The Poultry Federation
Union of Concerned Scientists
Vote Solar
Western Clean Energy Campaign

State Groups

ACES 4 Youth
Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association (AriSEIA)
Association for Farmers Rights Defense, AFRD
Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives
Cerro Gordo Clean Energy District
Citizens Action Coalition of IN
Clayton County, IA Energy District
Clean Energy Districts of Iowa
Clean Energy Economy Minnesota
Cold Climate Housing Research Center
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)
Dubuque County Energy District
Geothermal Alliance of Illinois
Hoosier Environmental Council
Iowa Environmental Council
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light
Jackson County Energy District
Kentucky Poultry Federation
Metropolitan Energy Center
Mississippi Poultry Association
New York Farm Bureau
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association
Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund
Physicians for Social Responsibility, AZ
Rappahannock League for Environmental Protection
RENEW Wisconsin
San Juan Citizens Alliance
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Tennessee Poultry Association
Texas Poultry Federation
The People's Justice Council
The Poultry Federation - Missouri
The Poultry Federation - Oklahoma
Utah Clean Energy
Vernon County Energy District
Windustry
Winneshiek Energy District

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Businesses and Cooperatives

A&R Solar
Advanced Renewable Technology, LLC
Aegis Renewable Energy
Ag-Grid Energy
Allterra Solar
Ambor Structures, Inc.
Amicus Solar Cooperative
Avid Solar LLC
Awesome Ventures
Bay Baby Produce
Bergey Windpower Co.
Chronicle Advisers, Inc.
eFormative Options, LLC
EnviTec Biogas USA Inc
Gaia Herbs
Geoscape Solar
Green Insight, LLC
Greenfield Solar
Happy Moose Juice, Inc.
Lightwave Solar
Metis Consulting Group
Morton Solar & Electric, LLC
Neighboring Food Co-op Association

OLITA
OneEnergy Renewables
Organic Valley | CROPP Cooperative
RenewTest LLC
Seminole Financial Services
Sievers Family Farms, LLC
Solar Integrators LLC
Solar Medix, LLC
Solar Power Pros Inc
Solarponics, Inc.
South Mountain Company, Inc.
Stonyfield
StraightUp Solar
Sun Light & Power
Sundance Power Systems, Inc.
The Food Co-op
Vianova
Wind Fisher
Wind Harvest
Wolf & Associates, Inc.
X-Caliber Rural Capital
XFlow Energy