

# ***REAP Support Letter for Fiscal Year 2026 REAP Appropriations***

April 29, 2025

The Honorable Andy Harris, Chair  
House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable John Hoeven, Chair  
Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

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

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member  
Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee

Re: Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Support Letter for the Rural Energy for America Program – REAP

Dear Chair Harris, Chair Hoeven, Ranking Member Bishop and Ranking Member Shaheen:

We, the undersigned organizations, request that you support the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) with full mandatory funding and discretionary funding of \$20 million as you consider agriculture appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2026. This funding commitment will expand domestic and renewable energy production and savings from rural America.

REAP has a strong track record of success and bipartisan support. Since its inception, REAP has helped 30,000 farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to adopt renewable energy, cut energy costs, and boost rural economic development. The program is popular, widely supported in rural areas, and consistently over-subscribed. REAP increases lower-cost and accessible energy to build a strong rural energy economy that benefits farmers, rural small businesses, and America.

REAP opens new opportunities for more farmers and rural small businesses in every state and across agricultural sectors to implement modern energy technologies. With REAP, farms and rural small business cut costs and increase income through energy efficiency upgrades and investments in innovative renewable energy options. By lowering energy and input costs, REAP ultimately helps bring more affordable goods to the market.

For example, rural grocers use REAP to install energy efficient refrigeration and lighting that cuts costs, so they can continue to serve communities. Farmers deploy on-farm solar power and energy efficiency improvements to a wide range of equipment that cut input costs. Poultry growers, for example, have used REAP since the program started to cut costs and boost profits.

Since the 2014 Farm Bill, REAP has leveraged over \$10 billion in private investment in rural economies, increasing rural economic development and growing new opportunities for rural small businesses and agricultural producers. Modernizing with new and innovative energy technologies helps to keep younger generations in farming and rural communities.

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Please maintain mandatory funding and provide \$20 million in discretionary funding for REAP in Fiscal Year 2026 to expand energy benefits to more farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses from coast to coast.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

### **National & Regional Groups**

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy  
American Farmland Trust  
American Gas Association  
American Solar Grazing Association  
Association for Farmers Rights Defense, AFRD  
Beneficial Electrification League  
Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Distributed Wind Energy Association E2  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
EWG  
Farm Aid  
Geothermal Exchange Organization  
Great Lakes Business Network  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
League of Conservation Voters  
National Association of State Energy Officials  
National Center for Appropriate Technology  
National Farmers Union  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Net Zero Solar  
Prairie Rivers Network  
RAFI (Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA)  
Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)  
Solar United Neighbors Action  
Solutions from the Land  
The Poultry Federation | Arkansas, Missouri, & Oklahoma  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Vote Solar

### **State Groups**

Alabama Poultry & Egg Association  
Allamakee Energy District  
Appalachian Voices  
Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association (AriSEIA)  
Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives  
Cerro Gordo Clean Energy District  
Clayton County Energy District  
Clean Energy Districts of Iowa  
Clean Energy Economy Minnesota  
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)  
Dubuque County Energy District  
Energy Alliance Group  
Georgia Poultry Federation  
Geothermal Alliance of Illinois  
Illinois Stewardship Alliance  
Iowa Faith & Climate Network  
Jackson County Energy District  
Johnson Clean Energy District  
KY Poultry Federation  
Linn Clean Energy District  
Local First Arizona  
Maine Farmland Trust  
Michigan Clinicians for Climate Action  
Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council  
Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS)  
Mississippi Poultry Association  
Muscatine County Energy District  
Neighboring Food Co-op Association  
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association  
Polk Clean Energy District  
RENEW Wisconsin  
Tama County Clean Energy District  
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation  
Tennessee Poultry Association  
Texas Poultry Federation  
The People's Justice Council  
Utah Clean Energy  
Vernon County Energy District  
Winnebago Energy District

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### **Businesses and Cooperatives**

A&R Solar  
Ag-Grid Energy  
American Windpower  
Amicus Solar Cooperative  
Bergey Windpower Co. LLC  
Buffalo Renewables Inc  
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.  
CROPP Cooperative | Organic Valley  
Efficient Power & Light  
Emmvee Energy Inc.  
EnviTec Biogas  
Eocycle America Corporation  
Geoscape Solar  
Greenfield Solar  
GreenTech Renewables  
Harvest Solar  
Morton Solar & Electric, LLC  
Northern Power Systems  
NPS Solutions LLC  
Obodo Energy Partners, LLC  
Pecos Wind Power  
QED Wind Power LLC  
RenewTest LLC  
Sievers Family Farms, LLC  
Siva Powers America Inc  
Solar Gain, Inc  
Solar Matters Consulting LLC  
Solaris Energy, Inc.  
Solarponics  
SolarShare Wisconsin Cooperative  
South Mountain Company  
Stonyfield Organic  
Storke, LLC  
Sun Light & Power  
Sundance Power Systems, Inc.  
The Food Co-Op, Port Townsend  
Vianova  
Wind Advisors  
Wind Harvest International  
Windurance  
Wolf & Associates  
X-Caliber Rural Capital  
XFlow Energy