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Dear Mr. Van Meter:

FCA's proposed rule to enable Farm Credit institutions to make rural community investments is urgently needed to help meet the growing needs of our nation's rural communities. Being a lifelong resident of rural South Carolina, I have seen first-hand how our rural communities have been underserved and in some cases, left behind entirely because the channels of capital critically needed for development and progress were not in place. There are many players in this capacity when times are good, and when a profit is to be made; however, only Farm Credit is a primary provider in both good and bad times. There is a reason that "farm" is in our institution's name.

To insure that America's rural communities do not continue to lag behind metropolitan areas in infrastructure, medical services, education and transportation services, etc., it's essential that this proposed rule is preserved.

My family and I strongly support this proposed rule, and I urge the FCA to put a final rule in place to generate additional capital sources for rural communities. This is needed now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronnie H. Hucks", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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