



December 5, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
House Speaker  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
House Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) represents consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives governed by their member owners. Electric cooperatives serve 42 million Americans in 47 states across 75 percent of the country's land mass. On behalf of America's electric cooperatives, NRECA applauds the hard work of Congress to develop a bipartisan conference agreement on S.612, the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act).

The final WIIN Act helps electric cooperatives to continue to provide affordable, reliable electricity to rural America by authorizing and promoting infrastructure projects pertaining to hydropower, flood control, water supply and emergency management. Additionally, the final agreement includes provisions that will provide greater certainty for electric generation and help maintain affordable electric rates that benefit rural consumers.

Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to crafting a bipartisan WIIN reauthorization that will strengthen rural America. Electric cooperatives urge Congress to promptly pass WIIN in the remaining days of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

Jim Matheson  
CEO, NRECA