

## Educating Elected Officials

1. Now is the time to act.
2. Legislative Activity will be very condensed and hectic over the next 3 months.
3. Everything is on the table

### Action steps:

- A. Write to your elected officials – **House and Senate**
- B. If you are in a state with one of the “Gang of 12” it is even more important that you reach out and let them know the importance of the various rural programs.
- C. If you are in a state with an identified “Key Appropriator” it is imperative that they hear from you or absent your ability to “educate” other rural advocates in your state who can “educate”.
- D. Invite your elected officials to visit various rural providers – show them how federal tax dollars are being spent – wisely!
- E. Find out when your elected officials are holding “Town Hall” meetings and either attend personally or arrange to have others in the community attend.

You must be vocal. Now is not the time to sit on the sidelines.

Don't know who represents you in the House or Senate? Go to:

HOUSE: <http://www.house.gov/> enter the zip code in the box in the upper right hand corner

SENATE: <http://www.senate.gov/> use the “drop down” menu and enter your state