

Representative Alma Adams (D-NC-12)

Meeting with: Austin Bryniarski (Legislative Assistant)

Time: Monday 5/20 at 10am est

Office number: (202) 225-1510

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Dr. Alma S. Adams was elected to her fifth full term representing the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina on November 3, 2022. After winning a special election in November 2014, Congresswoman Adams was sworn in immediately as the 100th woman elected to the 113th Congress.

Representative Adams serves on the Committee on Education & the Workforce and the House Committee on Agriculture. She serves on the subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development and is Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections. Additionally, she serves on the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture and Horticulture and the Subcommittee on Farm Commodities, Risk Management and Credit.

NCBA CLUSA Members in North Carolina

- Local Government Federal Credit Union
- Blue Ridge Energy
- Carolina Common Enterprise
- Hendersonville Community Co-op
- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation

North Carolina Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Carolina Common Enterprise – 7-year RCDG recipient



North Carolina Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Pee Dee EMC – 1-time awardee (2017)

Roanoke EMC – 1-time awardee (2021)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In North Carolina, 5 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$780,591.

All 5 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Sharice Davids (D-KS-03)

Meeting with: Sophia Jorgenson (Legislative Assistant)

Time: Monday 5/20 at 1pm est

Office number: 202-225-2865

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee + House Small Business Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill, Cooperative Access to Capital

Bio:

Representative Davids was raised by a single mother, who served in the Army for 20 years. As a first generation college student who worked the entire time she was in college, Rep. Davids understands the importance of quality public schools and affordable higher education. It is that foundation that allowed her to go on to a successful career, focused on economic and community development, which included time as a White House Fellow under President Barack Obama.

Rep. Davids wants others to have the same opportunities to achieve their goals, which is why she has centered her career on bringing more opportunities to the middle class. In Congress, Rep. Davids is putting Kansans first, working to limit the influence of special interests and fighting to make health care more affordable and accessible to everyone. When she was sworn into the 116th Congress, Rep. Davids became one of the first two Native American women to serve in Congress. She is a resident of Roeland Park.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Kansas

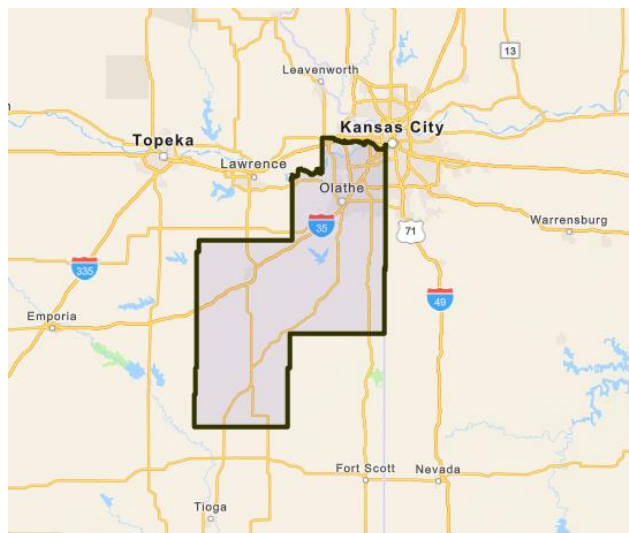
- Dairy Farmers of America, Inc

Cooperatives in District 3

- Quail Valley Cooperative Housing
- KC Kosher Co-op
- Village Cooperative of Shawnee
- CommunityAmerica Credit Union
- Azura Credit Union
- Mainstreet Credit Union

Kansas Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Aurthur Capper Cooperative Center at Kansas State University – 3-time recipient



Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Kansas, 14 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$2,190,198. 12 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative David Rouzer (R-NC-07)

Meeting with: Christopher Zhen (Legislative Assistant)

Time: Monday 5/20 at 2pm est

Office number: 202-225-2731

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bil

Bio:

David Rouzer developed his work ethic working the summers on his family's farm just outside of Four Oaks, North Carolina; his moral values growing up in a Christian home and attending Sunday school and church; and his legislative acumen under former U.S. Senators Jesse Helms and Elizabeth Dole.

David currently serves in the United States Congress representing North Carolina's 7th Congressional District. His most recent work was primarily focused on helping small businesses with marketing and sales through his consulting business, The Rouzer Company. He also formed R&C Distributors, LLC, as a side business and umbrella for fleet-related products.

Prior to those endeavors, David had been involved in public policy development and implementation, public relations, and legislative strategy for more than a decade through his work in the Legislative and Executive branches of the Federal government. As a senior level appointee of President George W. Bush at USDA Rural Development, David helped manage the administration of a program level budget of more than \$1.2 billion along with a loan portfolio of \$5 billion in investments in rural America.

NCBA CLUSA Members in North Carolina

- Local Government Federal Credit Union
- Blue Ridge Energy
- Carolina Common Enterprise
- Hendersonville Community Co-op
- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation

North Carolina Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Carolina Common Enterprise – 7-year RCDG recipient

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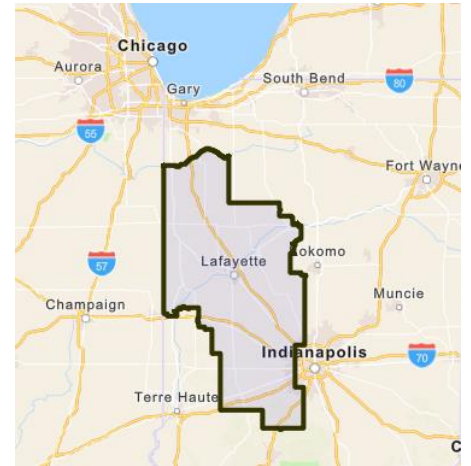
Representative Jim Baird (R-IN-04)

Meeting with: Member of Congress or Staff

Time: Monday 5/20 at 2pm est

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill



Bio:

Congressman Jim Baird is a lifelong resident of West Central Indiana. He represents Indiana's 4th Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Before being elected to Congress, he served eight years as a State Representative in the Indiana General Assembly. During this time, he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee and played an integral role in balancing Indiana's budget. He also served on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, the Statutory Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation, the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Statutory Committee on Ethics, the Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee, where he provided assistance and insight, and authored legislation relating to these areas.

Additionally, Congressman Baird served in local government as a County Commissioner where he focused on improving his community's infrastructure and keeping local services efficient and cost-effective.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Indiana

- NineStar Connect
- Indiana Credit Union League
- Indiana Cooperative Development Center
- Creative Planning Business Services
- Everwise CU

Co-ops in District 4

- Hendricks Power Cooperative
- Ceres Solutions Cooperative
- Stewart Cooperative
- Co-Alliance Cooperative

- Purdue Federal Credit Union
- Teachers Credit Union

Co-op Development Centers Serving Indiana

Indiana Cooperative Development Center: 18-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Indiana, 9 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$2,057,928. All 9 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Jim Costa (D-CA-21)

Meeting with: Alexa Fox (Senior Legislative Assistant)

Time: Monday 5/20 at 2:30pm est

Office number: 202-225-3341

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

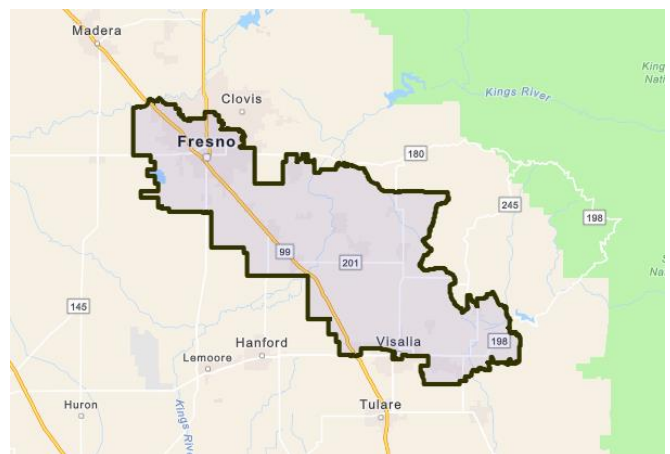
Bio:

James Manuel (Jim) Costa has represented the San Joaquin Valley in the United States House of Representatives since 2005. Costa proudly represents California's 21st Congressional District, which includes parts of Fresno and Tulare counties.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, he has crafted three Farm Bills and has worked across the aisle to reduce hunger and uplift rural America. Costa has been a strong advocate for bringing additional water to the San Joaquin Valley and secured funding for water infrastructure projects such as B.F. Sisk Dam, Friant-Kern Canal, and Sites Reservoir.

NCBA CLUSA Members in California

- Redwood Credit Union
- Moss Adams LLP
- Travis CREDIT UNION
- SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union
- Twin Pines Cooperative Foundation
- Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative
- Pachamama Coffee
- CooperationWorks!
- Chico Natural Foods
- California Center for Cooperative Development
- BriarPatch Food Co-op
- Berkeley Student Cooperative
- Arizmendi Association of Cooperatives
- A Slice of New York
- Bookworm Reads



California Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

California Center for Cooperative Development – 15-Year RCDG Recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In California, 52 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$22,549,098. 50 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA-04)

Meeting with: Josh Millard – Legislative Assistant

Time: Monday 5/20 at 3pm est

Office Number: 202-225-4426

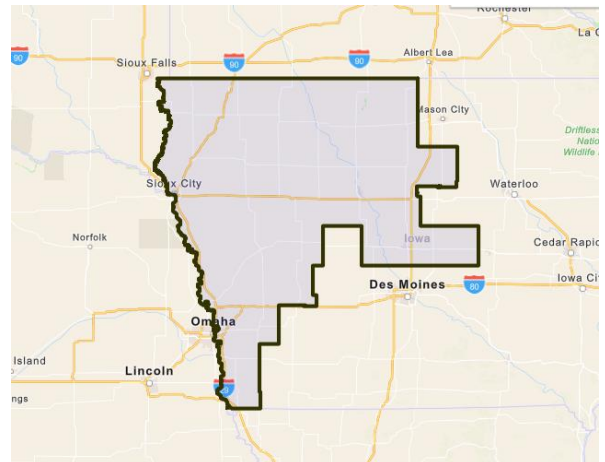
Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Congressman Randy Feenstra represents Iowa's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.

He was born and raised in Hull, Iowa where he and his wife, Lynette, raised their four children – Taylor, Erika, Dawson, and Savannah. Before being elected to Congress, Randy worked for the Foreign Candy Company in Hull as Head of Sales, and later served as Hull City Administrator, Sioux County Treasurer, and Chairman of the Iowa Senate Ways and Means Committee where he authored, and Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed into law, the largest income tax reduction in state history back in 2017.



Randy also taught business and economics at his alma mater, Dordt University. In addition to earning his bachelor's degree from Dordt, Randy received a master's degree in Public Administration from Iowa State University.

Randy is a strong voice for Iowa and a committed advocate for the unborn, fiscal responsibility, border security, and Iowa's family farmers, livestock producers, and thriving biofuels industry.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Iowa

- Wheatsfield Co-op
- Oneota Community Food Co-op
- Iowa Credit Union League
- Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives
- Frontier Co-op

Co-op Development Centers Serving Iowa

Cooperative Development Services – 20-Year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Iowa, 17 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$6,776,501. All 17 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-06)

Meeting with: Alex Fink (Legislative Assistant)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 10am est

Office number: 202-225-2542

Committee of Interest: House Appropriations Committee - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Federal Program Funding

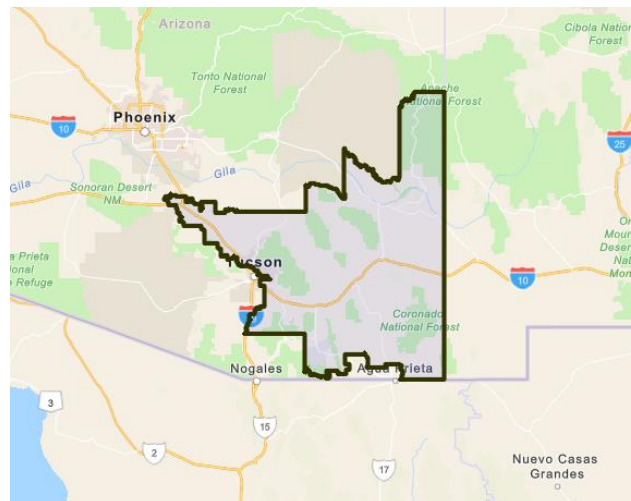
Bio:

Congressman Juan Ciscomani represents Arizona's 6th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Juan and his family immigrated to the United States when he was a young boy. They established roots in Tucson, Arizona, where his father worked as a bus driver to give his children a shot at the American Dream.

In 2022, Juan was elected to represent Arizona's new 6th congressional district, becoming the first naturalized American citizen from Mexico elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in Arizona history.

Cooperatives in Arizona

- Food Conspiracy Cooperative Inc
- Sierra Vista Natural Foods Cooperative
- Safi Home Works, LLC
- Technicians for Sustainability Inc.



Cooperative Development Centers Serving Arizona

The Arizona Cooperative Initiative

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

Nationally, 712 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$218,000,000. 685 (96%) of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Hillary Scholten (D-MI-03)

Meeting with: Hannah Marsh – Legislative Correspondent

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 10:30am est

Office number: 202-225-3831

Committee of Interest: House Small Business Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Cooperative Access to Capital

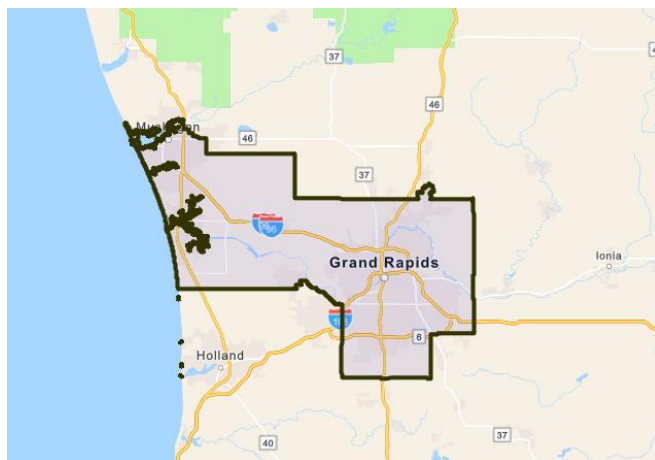
Bio:

Congresswoman Hillary J. Scholten serves the people of Michigan's Third Congressional District, a diverse district that is anchored by the urban centers of Grand Rapids, Muskegon, and Grand Haven, and includes suburbs, farmland, and miles of beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline.

Congresswoman Scholten now serves as the first woman and mother ever to represent Michigan's Third District in Congress. Bringing new voices to the table is key to making sure our representation is equitable and reflective of the district. She's building one of the most diverse teams to ever serve West Michigan, both in Washington, D.C., and at home in the district. Service is at the heart of what drives Congresswoman Scholten's mission to deliver for the district every single day.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Michigan

- Arrowwood Hills Housing Cooperative
- CSI Support & Development Services
- Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative
- CU Answers
- GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
- Inter-Cooperative Council at University of Michigan
- Keweenaw Co-op
- Michigan Electric Cooperative Association
- Oryana Community Co-op
- Spartan Housing Cooperative
- UM Credit Union



Michigan Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Cooperative Development Program at Michigan State University Product Center – 11-year RCDG recipient

Michigan Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Thumb Electric Coop of Michigan – 1-time awardee (2019)

Traverse City Light and Power – 1-time awardee (2020)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Michigan, 22 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$3,537,114. All 22 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Julia Letlow (R-LA-05)

Meeting with: Tyler Levins (Senior Policy Advisor)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 11am est

Office number: 202-225-8490

Committee of Interest: House Appropriations Committee - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee + Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee

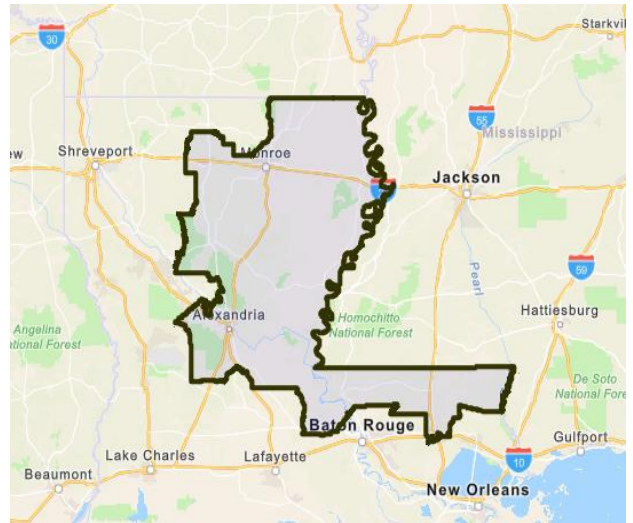
Talking Points Quick Reference: Federal Program Funding

Bio:

Congresswoman Julia Letlow represents Louisiana's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the state's first Republican woman elected to Congress.

Julia took office in April 2021 after receiving 65 percent of the vote in a special election to win the seat previously won by her husband Luke, who passed away from complications of COVID-19 just days before taking office. She is the first woman to represent Louisiana in the House of Representatives in 30 years.

Julia serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, holding seats on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration; Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. Julia also serves on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.



NCBA CLUSA Members in Louisiana

- Louisiana CU League
- C4 Tech & Design
- Cavalier House Books
- Cooperation New Orleans
- Womxnist Liberation Cooperative
- New Orleans Food Co-op

Co-op Development Centers Serving Louisiana

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund – 13-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

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Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-05)

Meeting with: Hayley Fernandes – Agriculture Legislative Assistant

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 1pm est

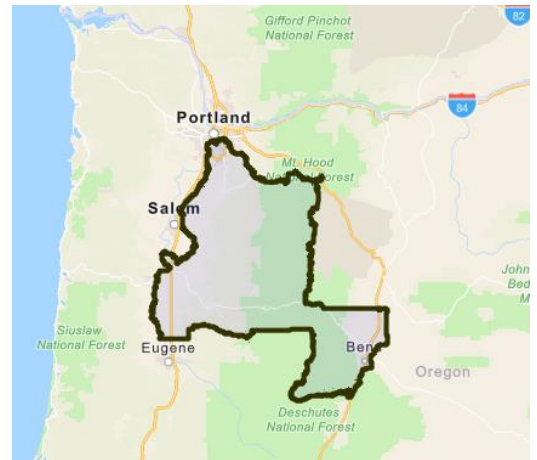
Office Number: 202-225-5711

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer is proud to represent Oregon's 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, which covers Linn County, most of Clackamas County, Deschutes County, and parts of Multnomah and Marion Counties.



Prior to serving in Congress she was elected mayor in 2010, becoming Happy Valley's first female and Latina mayor. She was re-elected in 2014. In 2022, she was elected the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Oregon's 5th Congressional District. She is one of the first Latinas and is the first Republican woman elected to Congress from the state of Oregon.

NCBA CLUSA Oregon Members

- Ashland Food Cooperative
- First Alternative Natural Foods Co-op
- Medford Food Co-op
- Artisans Cooperative
- People's Food Co-op
- Scorcher Artisan Cooperative - Blue Scorcher Bakery & Café
- SymbiOp Inc
- People's Food Co-op – Portland
- Medford Food Co-op
- Coos Head Food Co-op
- Astoria Co+op

Co-op Development Center Serving Oregon

Northwest Cooperative Development Center: 20-Year Rural Cooperative Development Grant RCDG recipient

Community and Shelter Assistance (CASA of Oregon) – 7-year RCDG Recipient (In District)

Oregon Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Umatilla Electric Co-op Association – 2-time awardee (2018, 2020)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives In Oregon, 12 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$3,872,590. All 12 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-08)

Meeting with: John Treon (Legislative Aide)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 1:30pm est

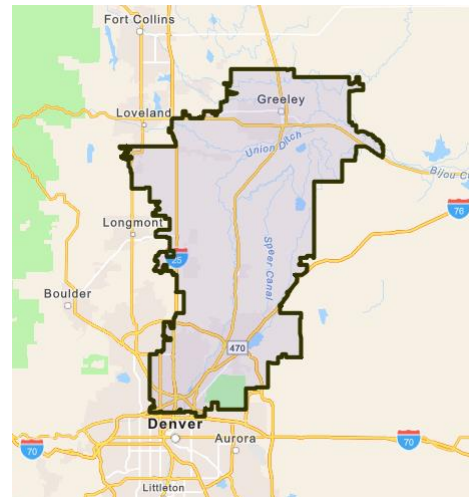
Office number: 202-225-5625

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

As a former Pediatrician Yadira Caraveo has dedicated her life to serving Colorado families – first as a doctor, and now as the first representative of Colorado’s new 8th Congressional District. In 2022, she made history by becoming Colorado’s first Latina federal representative. Caraveo served in the Colorado legislature, where she took on special interests and worked to lower costs for all Coloradans. Now, as a Member of Congress, Caraveo is focused on continuing that work.



She is working to lower costs for families, improve healthcare access, and ensure every child in Colorado has the opportunities they deserve. Caraveo serves on the House Agriculture Committee, serving as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development, and she serves on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Colorado

- CoBank
- Amicus Solar Cooperative
- Death app (Dojo4)
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Development Center
- Catalyst Cooperative
- Center for Community Wealth Building
- Rocky Mountain Employee Ownership Center
- Durango Natural Foods Co-op

Bills sponsored of interest to NCBA CLUSA:

Strengthening Rural Cooperatives and Communities Act – (H.R. 6661)

Colorado Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipients

Co-op Development Center at the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union – 21-year RCDG recipient

Colorado Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Highline Electric Association – 1-time awardee (2017)

Holy Cross Electric Association (in district) – 1-time awardee (2018)

Mountain Parks Electric (in district) – 1-time awardee (2019)

San Isabel Electric Association – 1-time awardee (2020)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Colorado, 16 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$6,711,533. 15 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Angie Craig (D-MN-02)

Meeting with: Skylar Borchardt (Legislative Director)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 2pm est

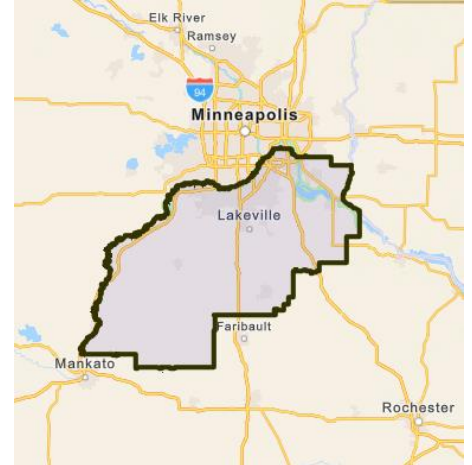
Office number: (202) 225-2271

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Rep. Angie Craig represents Minnesota's Second Congressional District. In Congress, Rep. Craig is fighting to make sure career skills and technical education is an option for every young person; to lower the cost of healthcare and to work toward a solution that expands health care to many more Americans; for infrastructure investments that benefit our communities – big and small; and for policies that reward people for their hard work – especially family farmers and small business owners. She plans to pursue these priorities through her appointments on the House Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.



NCBA CLUSA Members in Minnesota

- Seward Community Co-op
- North Country Foundation
- National Co-op Grocers
- Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op
- Just Food Co-op
- Independent Natural Food Retailers Association (INFRA)
- Food Co-op Initiative (FCI)
- Eastside Food Co-op
- Cooperative Development Services (CDS)
- CHS
- Bluff Country Co-op
- Shared Capital Cooperative
- Valley Natural Foods
- Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Co-ops in the 2nd District

- Just Food Co-op
- Food Co-op Initiative
- River Country Cooperative
- Heartland Credit Union
- SharePoint Credit Union
- TruStone Financial Credit Union

Co-op Development Centers Serving Minnesota

Cooperative Development Services 20-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation – 18-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute – 10-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)
Latino Economic Development Center – 9-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives – 8-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Minnesota, 85 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$36,646,103. 84 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Andrea Salinas (D-OR-06)

Meeting with: Ben Owens (Legislative Director)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 2:30pm est

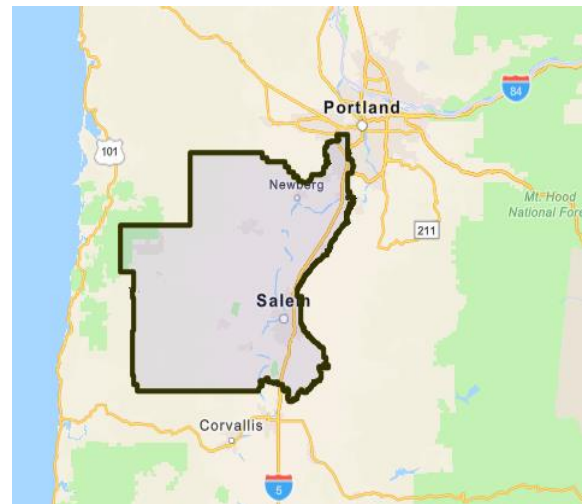
Office Number: 202-225-5643

Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas is the proud daughter of a Mexican immigrant, a first-generation American, and dedicated public servant working for the people of Oregon's sixth district., Andrea moved to Oregon where she served as a district aide for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley and fell in love with the communities of the Willamette Valley.



Andrea stayed in Oregon and went on to serve as an advocate for labor unions, environmental groups, and reproductive rights organizations. In 2017, she was appointed to the Oregon House of Representatives and served through the end of her term in 2022. In the Oregon House of Representatives, she served as House Majority Whip and was the Chair of the House Health Care Committee.

NCBA CLUSA Oregon Members

- Ashland Food Cooperative
- First Alternative Natural Foods Co-op
- Medford Food Co-op

Cooperatives in the 6th district

- Our Table Cooperative
- Horseshoe Lake Hop Harvesters
- St Paul Co-Op Telephone Association
- Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Community and Shelter Assistance CASA (RCDG Recipient)

Bills sponsored of interest to NCBA CLUSA:

Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023 – (H.R. 7444)

Co-op Development Center Serving Oregon

Northwest Cooperative Development Center: 20-Year Rural Cooperative Development Grant RCDG recipient

Community and Shelter Assistance (CASA of Oregon) – 7-year RCDG Recipient (In District)

Oregon Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

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Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI-02)

Meeting with: Jake Kochmanky (Legislative Assistant)

Office number: (202) 225-3561

Committee of Interest: House Appropriations Committee - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee + Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee

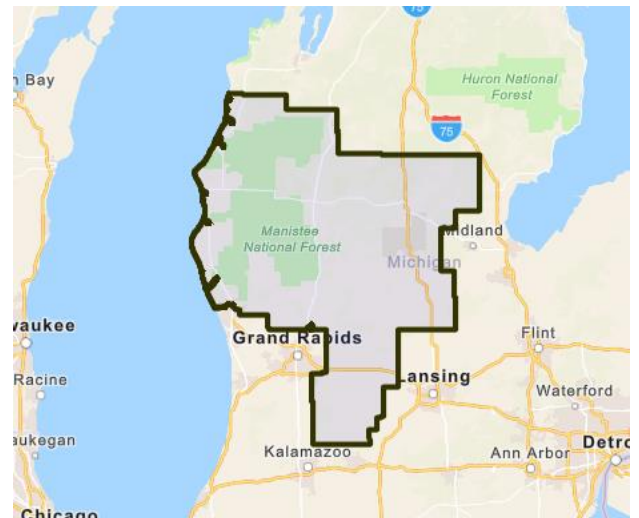
Talking Points Quick Reference: Federal Program Funding

Bio:

Congressman John Moolenaar represents the hardworking residents of Michigan's Second Congressional District. As Michigan's senior member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Moolenaar is dedicated to holding the federal government accountable to taxpayers. He strongly believes in fiscal responsibility and has been fighting to make the economy work for Michigan families and seniors.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Michigan

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- CSI Support & Development Services
- Grain Train Natural Foods Cooperative
- CU Answers
- GreenTree Cooperative Grocery
- Inter-Cooperative Council at University of Michigan
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- Spartan Housing Cooperative
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Senator Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

Meeting with: Sam Lane (Legislative Assistant), Hannah Sztorc (Legislative Correspondent)

Time: Tuesday 5/21 at 3pm est

Office number: 202-224-3954

Committee of Interest: Senate Appropriations Committee - Subcommittee - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee + Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill, SBA Loans

Bio:

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was sworn into the United States Senate on November 15, 2010 serving as West Virginia's Senator. Born and raised in the small coal mining town of Farmington, W.Va., Sen. Manchin grew up learning the values that all West Virginians share — family, common sense, fairness and hard work.

As a Senator, Joe Manchin is committed to bringing bipartisanship to Washington. As he has done throughout his entire life, he remains committed to working with Republicans and Democrats to find commonsense solutions to the problems our country faces and is working hard to usher in a new bipartisan spirit in the Senate and Congress.

Senator Manchin is strongly committed to developing a balanced national energy plan that utilizes all of our resources and recognizes that fossil fuels will be a vital part of our energy mix for decades to come. He believes that a balanced, commonsense approach that considers the needs of our environment and the demands of our economy, can and must be developed if we are to achieve energy independence within this generation.

NCBA CLUSA Members in West Virginia

- Element Federal Credit Union
- Haven Herbs LLC
- New Economy Works WV

Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Appalachia Cooperates Initiative - CFAES Center for Cooperatives College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Ohio State University. – 19-time RCDG recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

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Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)

Meeting with: Adam Schiff (Agriculture Legislative Assistant)

Time: Wednesday 5/22 at 10am est

Office number: (202) 225-2271

Committee of Interest: Senate Agriculture Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Senator Smith believes the best ideas come from those closest to the issues. Her collaborative approach to leadership has led her to pass over 70 bills and provisions into law that have benefited working families, farmers, veterans, businesses and Tribal communities. Tina currently serves on four Senate committees: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and Indian Affairs. In 2021, she was named Chair of two Senate subcommittees: Housing, Transportation, and Community Development; and Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Minnesota

- Seward Community Co-op
- North Country Foundation
- National Co+op Grocers
- Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op
- Just Food Co-op
- Independent Natural Food Retailers Association (INFRA)
- Food Co-op Initiative (FCI)
- Eastside Food Co-op
- Cooperative Development Services (CDS)
- CHS
- Bluff Country Co-op
- Shared Capital Cooperative
- Valley Natural Foods

Co-op Development Centers Serving Minnesota

Cooperative Development Services 20-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation – 18-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute – 10-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)
Latino Economic Development Center – 9-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient
University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives – 8-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Minnesota, 85 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$36,646,103. 84 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Senator John Fetterman (D-PA)

Meeting with: Kurtis Miller (Legislative Assistant)

Time: Wednesday 5/22 at 11am est

Office Number: (202) 224-4254

Committee of Interest: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

A Pennsylvania native, John attended Albright College. In 2005, while John was teaching GED classes, he was encouraged by his students to run for mayor of Braddock. In his 13 years as mayor, John worked to rebuild his community, creating jobs, stopping gun violence, getting youth engaged, and bringing creative urban policy solutions to Braddock. In 2018, John was elected as Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor, and transformed the position into a bully pulpit, advocating for marijuana legalization, economic justice, equal protection for the LGBTQ+ community, and criminal justice reform. John was elected the junior Senator from Pennsylvania in November 2022 and was sworn-in on January 3rd, 2023.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Pennsylvania

- United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives (USFWC)
- Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance (PACA)
- Erie Food Co-op
- PAGE Cooperative
- Keystone Development Center
- CrossState Credit Union Association

Pennsylvania Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipients

Keystone Development Center – 19-year RCDG recipient

Pennsylvania Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Leatherstocking Gas Company LLC – 1-time awardee (2022)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Pennsylvania, 13 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$4,617,946. 12 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

Meeting with: Eli Harberts – Legislative Assistant

Time: Wednesday 5/22 at 11am est

Office Number: 202-224-3744

Committee of Interest: Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill

Bio:

Senator Grassley is the longest serving US Senator in Iowa history. His seniority earned over years of service ensures Iowans have an influential seat at the policymaking table.

Grassley was first elected to the Iowa state legislature in 1958 and served there until Iowans sent him to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974. In 1980, Grassley was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he's developed a reputation for bipartisanship and pragmatism. This approach to legislating consistently earns Grassley high marks as one of the Senate's most effective and collaborative lawmakers. In each post, serving Iowans has always been Grassley's guiding light and primary objective.

NCBA CLUSA Members in Iowa

- Wheatsfield Co-op
- Oneota Community Food Co-op
- Iowa Credit Union League
- Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives
- Frontier Co-op
- New Pioneer Co-op

Co-op Development Centers Serving Iowa

Cooperative Development Services – 20-Year Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In Iowa, 17 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$6,776,501. All 17 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11)

Meeting with: Heather Millett (Policy Advisor)

Time: Wednesday 5/22 at 3pm est

Office number: 202-224-3744

Committee of Interest: House Appropriations Committee - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Federal Program Funding

Bio:

Congressman Chuck Edwards serves as the U.S. representative for North Carolina's 11th District, which covers 15 counties in the state's western mountains. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Chuck's work ethic was recognized, and he has the rare honor as a freshman of being selected to sit on the Appropriations Committee and the Budget Committee.

On Appropriations, he sits on four subcommittees: Financial Services and General Government; Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

Chuck's main focus continues to be serving his constituents, helping them interface with federal agencies, assisting with problems, and trying to make life better for Western North Carolinians. His office motto is "First in constituent services."

NCBA CLUSA Members in North Carolina

- Local Government Federal Credit Union
- Blue Ridge Energy
- Carolina Common Enterprise
- Hendersonville Community Co-op
- North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation



North Carolina Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Recipient

Carolina Common Enterprise – 7-year RCDG recipient

North Carolina Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) Awards

Pee Dee EMC – 1-time awardee (2017)

Roanoke EMC – 1-time awardee (2021)

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In North Carolina, 5 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$780,591. All 5 of those co-ops are still operating today.

Representative Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19)

Meeting with: Connor Torossian – Legislative Director

Time: Wednesday 5/22 at 3:30pm est

Office number: 202-225-5441

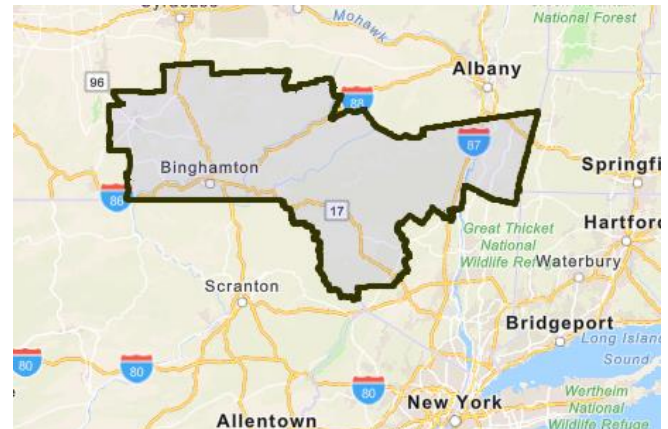
Committee of Interest: House Agriculture Committee + House Small Business Committee

Talking Points Quick Reference: Farm Bill, Cooperative Access to Capital

Bio:

Congressman Marcus J. Molinaro was elected to serve New York's 19th Congressional District in November 2022. The District includes Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga, and Tompkins counties as well as part of Otsego County and Ulster County.

A native New Yorker, former Mayor, State Assemblyman, and County Executive, Marc is a career problem solver who ran for Congress to make Upstate New York a better place.



In Congress, Marc serves on the House Committee on Agriculture, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, and the House Committee on Small Business.

NCBA CLUSA Members in New York

- Amalgamated Housing Cooperative
- Cooperative Home Care Associates (CHCANY)
- Coordinating Council of Cooperatives of Greater New York
- Council of New York Cooperatives & Condominiums
- Flatbush Food Co-op
- GreenStar Cooperative Market Inc.
- Honest Weight Food Cooperative Inc.
- Mutual Redevelopment Houses Inc. (Penn South)
- The Park Slope Food Coop Inc.
- Syracuse Cooperative Market
- Terra-Genesis (Origins)
- Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (UHAB)

Co-op Development Center Serving New York

Cooperative Development Institute – 18-year Rural Cooperative Development Grant RCDG recipient

Waving the Personal Guarantee for Cooperatives

In New York, 70 cooperatives received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans totaling \$21,750,375. 68 of those co-ops are still operating today.