



Briefing Notice

Farm Bill in Focus:

Unlocking Rural Economies: Farm Bill Investments in Rural America

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

2:00 - 3:30 PM EDT

Russell Senate Office Building Room: SR-385

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing on Farm Bill policies and programs that help farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and rural communities drive down greenhouse gas emissions, generate jobs, and stimulate the economy. Rural communities face numerous challenges, such as high energy costs, low investments in climate-resilient infrastructure, and increasingly severe weather. The Farm Bill plays an important role in helping rural America develop strong economies and build climate resilience and mitigation.

During this briefing, panelists will discuss how Congress can bolster key programs in the rural development and energy titles of the Farm Bill, such as the Rural Energy Savings Program, Rural Energy for America Program, and water and wastewater technical assistance programs. These provisions help rural communities improve energy efficiency, access electrification retrofits, upgrade water systems, and build out broadband capabilities.

Introductory remarks:

- **Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.)**

Speakers for this session include:

- **Aaliyah Nedd**, Director of Government Relations, National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA CLUSA)
- **Gary Stooksbury**, Chief Executive Officer, Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- **Ted Stiger**, Chief External Affairs and Policy Officer, Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
- **Duane Sherman Sr.**, former Chairman and CEO, Hoopa Valley Tribe

Join us for the full briefing series. More information at eesi.org/farmbill2023:

- The Process and Path Forward for Passing a Bipartisan Farm Bill | Recording Available
- Climate, Energy, and Economic Win-Wins in the Farm Bill | Recording Available
- **May 24**: Unlocking Rural Economies: Farm Bill Investments in Rural America
- **June 7**: The Future of Forestry in the Farm Bill
- **June 21**: Conservation Practices from Farms to Forests and Wetlands

This event is free and open to the public.

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