


# Presentation to National Rural Lenders Roundtable




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# What is Good Lobbying?

- Support for candidates
- Help at the grassroots level for a campaign
- Providing accurate information
- Technical expertise
- Personal relationship




# How Does Government Affect Our Business?

- In every way imaginable
- Statutes that govern USDA Rural Development Program
- Regulations that govern the program
- Policies that govern the program
- Political appointees who make policy




# What are the Key Legislation Actions?

- Annual Appropriations - Discretionary Funding
- Every Four Year Farm Bill
- (a) Policy
- (b) Mandatory Funding




# Who are the Key Legislators Appropriations

- Senator Appropriators
- Senator John Hoeven - North Dakota
- Senator Jeff Merkley – Oregon
  
- Congressman Robert Aderholt - Alabama
- Congressman Sanford Bishop - Georgia



# Who are the key Farm Bill Actors?

- Senator Pat Roberts - Kansas
- Senator Debbie Stabenow - Michigan
- Congressman Mike Conaway - Texas
- Congressman Collin Petersen - Minnesota



# Appropriations Issues & Farm Bill

- Funding
- Policy
- List into your Packet



# Questions