




**National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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The Honorable Blanche L. Lincoln
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry
United States Senate
328A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lincoln:

On behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), representing the nation's 930 electric cooperatives, I want to congratulate you on ascending to the chairmanship of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. Knowing your longstanding commitment to rural America, I am heartened that you will be leading this committee with responsibility over issues critical to our consumer-owners and the entire nation.

After being a strong voice for electric cooperatives as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and putting in a decade of hard work on the Senate Agriculture Committee, we know you will be an outstanding chairman who will use her deep knowledge of rural issues to make this country stronger. We remember your leadership in the House when you fought to protect Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) in 1995, and we appreciate the effort you led in 2004 to defend funding for the Rural Utility Service (RUS) Electric Loan Program. Most recently, you played a key role in passing the 2008 Farm Bill, which reauthorized and enhanced important RUS programs. Your service to the 42 million Americans who are consumer-owners of electric cooperatives is deeply appreciated.

On a personal note, please know I have long admired your leadership on rural issues, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure America's families have access to affordable electricity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn English", written in a cursive style.

Glenn English