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The Honorable Andy Barr U.S. House of Representatives 1432 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Barr:

The one million members of the National Association of REALTORS® thank you for introducing H.R. 2672, the "CFPB Rural Designation Petition and Correction Act." This bill will allow rural communities to contest their designation as a "non-rural" community.

Our rural citizens face unique challenges finding access to credit. This bill simply allows communities to contest a federal determination that they are "non-rural". It requires federal agencies to consider a range of criteria to make a final decision about the status of a community.

Communities should not be excluded from rural programs based on a single determination. This legislation will ensure that our rural citizens continue to have access to financing appropriate to their needs. We thank you for your support of HR 2672, and stand ready to work with you on its passage.

Sincerely,

Steve Brown

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