

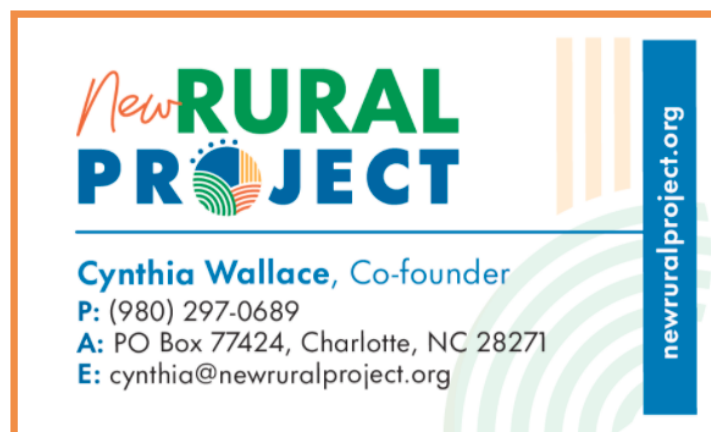
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Dear Steve

Running for Congress in the NC's 9th Congressional District was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. And even though we didn't achieve the outcome we'd hoped for, there is still plenty of work to be done to strengthen the rural communities all across the District.

I'm very excited to announce the launch of our non-profit, the NEW RURAL PROJECT!



As someone born and raised in rural Southern GA, I have a deep connection to the issues facing folks in our small towns. After long talks and reflection on the continuing issues addressing rural North Carolinians after the election, the non-profit, New Rural Project, was conceived in collaboration with former NC State Senate candidate, Helen Probst Mills. The four counties of her district all sit in the 9th Congressional District's eight counties. We were both disappointed at our election results, but our work showed us the glaring disparities experienced by young and marginalized people. That's why, together, we have created the New Rural Project - to serve as a community partner to help affect change in a meaningful way in the rural counties of the 9th District and beyond.

We are in the beginning stages of this endeavor, but I wanted you to be one of

the first to hear about it. Creating an organization from scratch is hard work, but I know continuing to work and engage with rural communities will be worth all of the effort. We have started meaningful conversations with community stakeholders to help guide us as we develop our programs and future work to identify people-driven solutions to remove the barriers to full civic participation. I hope that you will join this important effort.

In the meantime, I will be keeping you updated on the progress and latest activities in the hopes you can help.

Please reply to this email and give me any insights or ideas you may have to strengthen our rural communities for the future.

I look forward to continuing the discussion and getting to work!

Warm regards,
Cynthia



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