

## Join the New Rural Project and me!



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Dear Steve,

The New Rural Project's inaugural fundraiser is less than two weeks away, and I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the event!

Although I was raised in a medium-size town, Augusta, Georgia, I have lived in rural North Carolina for more than fifty years. I have come to deeply appreciate and understand the struggles and aspirations of our rural citizens. Rural Communities represent resilience and hope for themselves and the state. Increased voter participation and development in our rural communities will help North Carolina.

That's why as the first African American Woman Elected to Congress from North Carolina, I worked tirelessly to advocate for rural communities on the House Agriculture Committee and as the co-chair of the bipartisan Rural Caucus. I have a passion for engaging rural voters and amplifying their voices. [I am proud to serve as an honorary board member of the New Rural Project and why I am hoping you will join us on November 8th for this urgent and insightful discussion.](#)

NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green, North Carolina's first Black Poet Laureate, will read one of her poems. Helen and Cynthia will also share insights from NRP's recent focus groups of rural voters and talk to you about how we are putting this research to work.

[To attend or be an inaugural sponsor or host for the event, register here.](#)

Please join us...

**New RURAL PROJECT**

**Monday, November 8th**  
Zoom 7-8 p.m.

*Insights from our rural voter research and strategy to amplify rural voices*

Tickets: \$50  
Sponsors: \$250, \$500, \$1000  
Host Committee: \$2500+

*and Special Guests:*

**Cynthia Wallace**  
Co-Founder

**Helen Probst Mills**  
Co-Founder

**Jaki Shelton Green**  
NC Poet Laureate

**Rep. Eva Clayton**  
Former Congresswoman

**RSVP**

I am proud and honored to be part of an organization working to engage rural folks who often feel left behind. I look forward to seeing you on the Zoom on November 8.

See you soon,  
Congresswoman Eva Clayton



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