

## Steve, I'm coming to you with a special ask



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Dear Steve,

The New Year has officially kicked off, and if the past year, especially January 6, 2021, has shown us anything, it's that our democracy is more fragile than many realize. This country only survives if our democracy is upheld in every corner of this country including rural America. As Congressman John Lewis said before his passing, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act."

That's why the New Rural Project's actions and mission to engage and amplify the voices of young and marginalized residents in rural communities are more vital than ever. To safeguard our democracy, we must ensure that every community participates in our civic process at their highest level so that their diverse voices are heard and felt to improve their day-to-day lives. This work must be done 365 days a year.

**[So today, I want to highlight one especially impactful way that you can sustain our work to protect democracy and engage rural communities: join the New Rural Project Monthly Sustainers today by starting a recurring donation of at least \\$20 a month and support our work in rural communities all year long.](#)**

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From hosting vaccination clinics to community focus groups and canvassing in rural communities, we are always working to achieve our mission. When you [become an NRP Monthly Sustainer](#), you are making an incredible commitment

to safeguarding democracy.

With gratitude,  
Cynthia

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