

NRP Goes to Washington!



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Steve,

New Rural Project (NRP) co-founders Cynthia Wallace and Helen Probst Mills were invited recently to attend the ***Communities in Action: Building a Better North Carolina*** forum at the White House, part of a new series that features local elected officials and community leaders working on behalf of their communities to create opportunities and improve people's everyday lives. Cynthia was able to attend the event on Thursday, September 22 in Washington, DC (sadly, Helen was unable to attend as she had COVID, but has recovered and is feeling fine.) The half-day forum was hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Office of Public Engagement and included metro and rural mayors, non-profit leaders, community activists, union representatives, and more from across North Carolina.

Participants spoke with senior Biden-Harris Administration officials – including Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator (and former Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality) Michael Regan, Senior Advisor and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Julie Rodriguez, Senior Advisor and Director of Public Engagement Keisha Lance Bottoms, White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu, and White House American Rescue Plan Coordinator Gene Sperling – about the benefits and impact of President Biden's American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act for working families in the state of North Carolina. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper provided video remarks, and U.S. Congresswoman Kathy Manning (NC-6) also participated in the event.

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Cynthia shared some of the positive impacts Union and Robeson County have felt due to the new laws passed under Biden-Harris. Most importantly, aligned with NRP's mission, laws also amplified the voices of folks spoke to from Marshville (Union County) and Wadesboro (Anson County). She highlighted the group of men from Anson County who have founded the Sandhills Voter Initiative after attending the Anson Barbershop Conversation series hosted by NRP in April. She also shared comments from one of their rural town managers who stated there are still some challenges to access these incredible federal funds. Cynthia emphasized that there is still much work to do to ensure that our rural communities have the support to ensure they have the people-resources both in numbers and knowledge to navigate the systems so that they can effectively leverage the amazing funds that are now available to them for the first time.

Warm regards,

Team New Rural Project

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