

April 14, 2026

The Honorable Michael Bennet
Senator
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Senator
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet and Senator Moran,

On behalf of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH), we write to express our strong support for S. 4141, the *Rural Hospital Revitalization Act*. We commend your dedication to sustaining healthcare access in rural communities across the country.

Despite the great need, rural hospitals are not in a position to modernize and rebuild aging infrastructure. The average age of a rural hospital is 60 years, however rural hospitals often lack funding to take on construction projects. Recent estimates indicate 46% of rural hospitals operate with negative margins and 417 are identified as vulnerable to closure. Since 2010, over 200 rural hospitals have closed or stopped providing inpatient services. Amidst this instability, many aging facilities are unable to access capital that would allow them to make much-needed upgrades.

Thanks to your leadership, the *Rural Hospital Revitalization Act* would provide accessible capital for rural hospitals through the existing Community Facilities Program at the Department of Agriculture. Rural hospitals would be able to access 0% interest loan specifically to finance renovations and new construction, filling a significant need for many facilities. This type of investment is essential to stabilizing rural health systems, preventing closures, and ensuring communities can access care close to home for rural patients.

We urge all members of Congress to support this vital legislation and ask that the Senate Agriculture Committee include S. 4141 in its 2026 Farm Bill base text. Supporting rural hospitals is key to ensuring that rural communities can thrive as they are not only points of access to care but often serve as a major employer, economic engine, and community lynchpin. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this significant legislation.

Sincerely,

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