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NACo officer to discuss rural America needs during Congressional roundtable

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties' (NACo) First Vice President Teresa Altemus this week will discuss the needs of rural America from the county government perspective with members of the House Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development and Foreign Agriculture.

Altemus was invited to participate in the Congressional roundtable briefing by Subcommittee Chairman Mike McIntyre (D-N.C.) to explore critical funding needs for rural America.

The event will take place **Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1300 of the Longworth House Office Building.**

The roundtable will discuss the upcoming infrastructure economic stimulus package as well as federal funding priorities for USDA Rural Development programs such as upgrades to water and wastewater systems and construction of important community facilities such as fire stations, health care clinics and schools.

In addition to Altemus, the roundtable discussion will include members of the House Agriculture Committee; other interested members of Congress; Billy Ray Hall, president of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center; and other national organizations interested in rural development funding.

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