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This week's hearing is a response to a letter from NCBA CLUSA signed by more than 100 cooperatives and partner organizations.

Join us in person or online for tomorrow's Congressional hearing; Lawmakers will explore the lending needs of coops

Called "Challenges and Benefits of Employee-owned Small Businesses," the hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 12 at 11:30 am in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. Cooperators in the Washington, DC area are encouraged to attend the hearing.

A livestream of the hearing will be available on the Committee's website here.

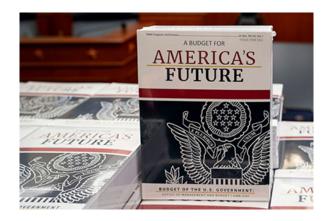
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May 6th, 2020 National Press Club

For tickets and sponsorship options, visit heroes.coop



NCBA CLUSA and our partner organizations are calling on Congress to reject the budget and fully fund programs critical to co-op development. [photo: Caroline Brehman/CQ-Roll Call]

Administration's FY21 budget again proposes harsh cuts to cooperative programs

The Trump Administration and the Office of Management and Budget this week released their proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Once again, this budget proposes deep cuts to programs with a long history of supporting cooperatives, promoting economic growth and advancing sustainable development.

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In Burkina Faso, empowering local actors to take the reins of resiliencebuilding

The local government of Sebba in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso is taking ownership of a resilience practice started by NCBA CLUSA's U.S. Agency for

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Last year, REGIS-ER helped the Municipal Council of Sebba design a Commune Resilience Plan, implemented by the non-governmental organization Humanity & Inclusion.

International Development (USAID)funded Resilience and Economic Growth in
the Sahel-Enhanced Resilience (REGISER) project, marking a key step toward
long-term sustainability.

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NCBA CLUSA's Farmer-to-Farmer team at the partners workshop in Jamaica.

Highlights from the firstever Farmer-to-Farmer partners workshop in Jamaica

NCBA CLUSA's <u>Farmer-to-Farmer</u> team and <u>Partners of the Americas</u> last month participated in the first-ever Farmer-to-Farmer regional meeting, one of four regional meetings planned for 2020.

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In 2012, Clackamas River Community Cooperative purchased the land beneath their homes and took control of their community—and their future. [photo: Clackamas River Community Cooperative]

Financial Times explores why big investors are buying up American mobile home parks, and how residents are fighting back

Over the past decade, the cost of housing has risen sharply, resulting in an affordable housing crisis in America—particularly among younger people saddled with a record amount of debt, older people on fixed incomes and renters.

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Final reminder:

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Please email your completed Nomination Form to Sherry Goss at sgoss@ncbaclusa.coop.

Nominations for NCBA CLUSA's 2020 Board of Directors are due this Friday

Nominees interested in running to fill five seats on the 2020 NCBA CLUSA Board of Directors, which guides and inspires the organization, have until this Friday, February 14, 2020 to complete and submit this Nomination Form along with the requested supplemental material to the Nominating Committee.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



At DC Credit Union, financial wellness is a right, not a privilege



At Parent Cooperative Preschools International, parents and children learn together

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CUNA Governmental Affairs Conference

February 23-27, 2020 Washington, DC



2020 Women in Global Development Leadership Forum

May 6, 2020 Washington, DC



2020 CCMA Conference



2020 Up & Coming Food Coop Conference

March 6-7, 2020 *Madison, WI*



2020 Cooperative Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony

May 6, 2020 Washington, DC



2020 Co-op IMPACT Conference

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June 4-6, 2020 Sioux Falls, SD October 7-9, 2020 Washington, DC

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advocacy, education and technical assistance to build sustainable communities, create economic opportunities and strengthen cooperatives. For more than 100 years, NCBA CLUSA has sought to advance, promote and protect cooperatives that build a better world. Over the past 60 years, NCBA CLUSA has grown its international development portfolio to \$255 million, with active programs in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

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