

# TRACY MCINTYRE

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to present myself as a candidate for the NCBA CLUSA Board of Directors. With a deep-rooted commitment to cooperative principles and a passion for rural development, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to advancing the mission and vision of our organization.

My journey in cooperative development has been shaped by my experiences working within the rural landscapes of Montana for the last 20+ years. Having witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by rural communities, I am dedicated to fostering inclusive growth and sustainability. Through my work, I have cultivated strong relationships across various sectors, understanding the importance of collaboration in driving cooperative development. I firmly believe that by bringing together diverse voices and expertise, we can create innovative cooperative solutions to address the unique needs of rural and urban populations alike.

Central to my candidacy is the commitment to amplifying rural voices on the national stage. Too often, these communities are marginalized and overlooked. As a board member, I will advocate for their representation and inclusion in decision-making processes. By championing their interests, we can ensure that policies and initiatives reflect the realities of rural life and contribute to their prosperity.

Furthermore, I recognize the importance of building robust networks within the cooperative community. As a collaborative leader, I am committed to expanding and strengthening these connections, both within NCBA CLUSA and incorporating the voices of my fellow cooperative developers. By fostering dialogue and sharing best practices, we can empower cooperative leaders to drive positive change.

I am seeking election to the NCBA CLUSA Board of Directors because I am deeply passionate about cooperative development and rural empowerment. With my experience working in rural areas, I understand the challenges and opportunities facing these communities. I believe I can make valuable contributions to the board by advocating for rural voices, fostering collaboration across sectors, and building networks to support cooperative development. Additionally, I am committed to addressing current issues facing the cooperative community, such as access to resources and inclusive governance practices. I am eager to work alongside fellow board members to advance the mission of NCBA CLUSA and empower cooperatives to thrive.