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Trump Administration's Budget Would Harm Rural Wisconsin

La Crosse, WI – Today, the Trump Administration released their 2018 budget blueprint. The blueprint makes drastic cuts to programs that create jobs and assist rural Wisconsin communities and families, including a 21% cut to USDA and elimination of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. U.S. Rep. Ron Kind released the below statement:

"The Trump Administration's 2018 budget blueprint would have a devastating impact on rural Wisconsin. Instead of supporting programs that create jobs and grow our rural Wisconsin communities it guts the programs they depend on. This is especially clear with the drastic cuts to the US Department of Agriculture, which through its many rural programs helps create local jobs and supports our local economy. There is nothing fiscally responsible about making drastic cuts to programs that rural Wisconsinites depend on to pay for outdated military equipment that even our Generals have said they don't need."

The Trump Administration's 21% cut to the USDA budget would likely negatively impact access to rural broadband, rural economic development grants, and programs essential for clean and reliable drinking water systems.

At a time when an investigative report from the Washington Post found over \$125 billion in government waste at the Pentagon, the Trump Administration should be looking to make the Defense Department more efficient before continuing wasteful programs.