



Rural Friends **of Electric Cooperatives**

“The Power Belongs to Those Who Participate”

What is ACRE?

Rural Friends/ACRE (Action Committee for Rural Electrification) is a nonpartisan political action committee that helps supporters of electric cooperatives who are seeking a seat on the Texas Legislature or U. S. Congress. The organization was formed in 1966 to support congressional candidates who support co-op goals and operates under the guidelines and policies of a board of directors composed of electric cooperative leaders from around the state. The membership also consists of co-op members who help defend their local electric co-op and care enough to contribute to the progress and growth of their own cooperative and the communities it serves.

Send a Message

As a member of HILCO Electric Cooperative, you are among the 40 million Americans who can claim ownership in a not-for-profit, consumer-controlled utility that provides electricity at cost. As a member you are unique. You have the right to make financial contributions to the campaigns of candidates who support electric cooperatives. You can join other co-op members across the nation by contributing to Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives, which is part of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE).

The Power of Grassroots - Rural Friends is a grassroots effort that encourages political participation at the local level. The power of constituency means voters can voice their opinions to local leaders.

Stand Up For What is Right - Electric cooperatives have existed for over 70 years because of our commitment to standing up for what is right. When rural areas couldn't get electricity, people got together and found a cooperative solution. We can take great pride in that legacy – and it is something that we, as members of the cooperative family, have a duty to foster and preserve.

Strength in Numbers - Even at the \$25 level, your voice can be heard by the legislators who make the important decisions in our lives. You don't have to be in Washington, D.C. to impact the political process. Collectively, we can play an active role in protecting co-ops from harmful legislation and regulation and in promoting the value of co-op ownership to our legislators.

Help support those legislators who support electric cooperatives



Membership Form

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 Century Club

Contributions to political action committees are not tax deductible.

___ Check enclosed ___ Please bill my HILCO Electric Acct. # _____

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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