

TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2016

- Supports the repeal of the water of the United States (WOTUS) Regulation.
- Supports programs and materials for use in local schools to promote agricultural literacy.
- Supports the enactment of comprehensive mandate relief that would take an inventory of existing mandates and fully fund all current and future state and federal mandates impacting local governments and schools.
- Supports the discontinuance of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GAP) due to its adverse impact on upstate rural school districts.
- Encourage young farmers through programs such as a revolving loan fund for start-up capital, student loan forgiveness programs and tax incentives.
- Supports meaningful immigration reform that would allow for the provision of a legal and stable agricultural workforce and to reduce paperwork required.
- Supports adequate funding to maintain programs for our service veterans and their families.
- Supports health care reform that would address the special needs of rural areas, such as the shortage of doctors, nurses, adequate health care facilities and access to prescription drugs at reasonable prices to the consumer.

- Supports legislation to update the Federal Transportation Bill to provide adequate funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges.
- Supports government ethics reform in all levels of government.
- Supports the Federal Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act – which would establish a federal standard to provide clarity to producers and more understanding to consumers.

WHAT IS THE GRANGE?

The Grange is an organization that welcomes all, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or political affiliation. The fraternal aspects foster a deep appreciation of American agriculture and a spirit of community involvement. The Grange has programs of interest to everyone.

Local, State, and National issues of concern to communities receive attention by Grange members and Grange leaders. Legislators are made aware of the Grange's support or opposition to issues. The Grange is a forceful and effective voice for agriculture and rural values. The Grange seeks to improve the quality of life in our communities.

"The Grange provides the opportunity, the people provide the leadership, the community reaps the benefits."

The Grange Vision

An Initiator of Community Action
A Facilitator of Leadership Development
An Advocate for Families
A Trusted Conveyor of Issues to Legislators

STATE GRANGE 2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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