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| Dear Fellow Rural Caucus Members (and Allies), I am holding my breath for January 20th, but I am optimistic that we will be celebrating the peaceful transfer of power, thanks in large part to the California Democratic Congressional Delegation. I am very proud of our Members who stood for our democracy with courage, composure, and determination. I felt honored to vote with the CDP Legislation Committee to unanimously endorse two Resolutions from the House - one calling on the Vice President to exercise the 25th Amendment and the second for impeachment. It was exciting to be part of the process, even remotely.Our work is very clearly cut out for us in 2021. We need to very quickly get back to building community in our rural districts. We cannot wait until 2022. Our Northern Regional Chair Elizabeth Betancourt has laid the groundwork. She ran two excellent campaigns last year and has great ideas of what our immediate next steps should be.She will be speaking at a Rural Caucus Zoom Meeting I am scheduling on **Monday February 15**, Presidents Day, at 5pm along with CDP Chair Rusty Hicks and Delaine Eastin, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction and now candidate for State Party Chair.I hope you will join us to hear what they have to say and join in discussion. Bay Area Regional Chair Renee Zeimer put it best in an email – this is a perfect time to think about the state of the party, the state of the state and the state of the nation.Please save the date. Information on how to participate will follow.With all my very best,  |

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