

*blockdenied speaks at University of Northern Iowa, where the public is invited, and many have come to hear him speak about agriculture.. The University of Northern Iowa is streaming it live to various websites with many people in state and out of state watching.*

The Farm Bill - I know all of you here know about it, and I'm sure many of you or your family members live by it. Why? Well it's the regulations set in place for all of the farmers in this country, and the programs that support them in their work. That said, the farm bill needs a major overhaul to assist you farmers and rural communities better! We've got to build an economy that works for everybody, not just the rich! We've got to restore the idea of opportunity for everyone, no matter the gender, race, or belief.

Now, if I'm in Congress, one of the biggest items on my agenda is for you farmers, and it's built upon a few things. One: To help farmers with loan assistance if they'd want to change crops for the betterment of themselves and the environment, Two: Changing subsidies and making sure small/medium farmers are ones that are able to receive those subsidies and not the big agriculture companies. Three: Ensuring that small/medium farmers will get their fair share of government help, since we all know the big agriculture companies are far richer themselves and much more self-sustaining.

But you know what...the farm bill isn't just for farmers, it's for you students, parents, job-seekers, and employers as well. It's a bill for everyone. It's creating more good jobs, and gives more Americans a shot at opportunity. There are two big ways that it goes about it. First, the farm bill lifts up our rural communities. Sadly, rural communities are often left behind and forgotten about, and I was always sick and tired of seeing that. Just because corporations think that the market is only for urban people doesn't mean rural communities should be left behind. Because of you great farmers, we're able to feed more families here at home and abroad, and we're able to support millions of jobs. What we grow here and of what we sell is a huge boost for the economy, especially the rural economy. We can do more to make sure that rural communities like around here thrive, How? Well, I plan to work with local rural businesses to promote the production of renewable fuels. By making the switch to renewable fuels, you're helping farmers grow crops that are healthier and more resistant to disease, and with change like this we really can make some huge advances in the agricultural community around here.

But sadly, that's still sometimes not enough, and I understand too many rural Americans are still struggling. Many of you and your families are statistically bound for poverty - do you think I want to see that? No! You guys are the backbone of what comes to America's plates, so I want to make sure you are able to feed your own families first.

I've seen how hard it can be to be a farmer. There are a lot of big producers who are doing really well, but there are even more small farms, family farms, where folks are just scratching out a living. This makes them increasingly vulnerable to difficulties in financing and all the inputs involved - we even see some farmers who have to result in working outside of the farm as well just to make ends meet and obtain healthcare. It shouldn't have to be like that.

That's why in the new farm bill I will propose things like crop insurance, so that when a disaster like drought - something that we see so much of across the state hits our farmers, they don't lose everything they've worked so hard to build. This bill helps rural communities by investing in hospitals and schools, affordable housing, broadband infrastructure. With all these things in place it will help attract more businesses and make life easier for working families just like you all. I will also introduce legislation supporting the expansion of the production of biofuels. This will be great because it does two things immediately - One: Create more jobs for the production and Two: Relieve ourselves from foreign dependence of foreign oil. This will boost conservation efforts so that we will be able to enjoy the beautiful outdoors that we love. The new farm bill will even further support farmers markets and local foods and organic agriculture, doing this allows smaller producers and local producers the opportunity to sell more of their products directly, without a bunch of processing and distributors and middlemen that make it harder for them to achieve their full potential. This will allow everyone to save money.

This new farm bill will also close the loopholes that allow big agriculture companies to take tax credits that are meant for small farmers. This will save taxpayers' hard-earned dollars by making sure that we only support farmers when disaster strikes or prices drop and doing these things will make sure rural communities grow. But the bill doesn't stop there - it will also help families in need by reinforcing programs like SNAP. A large majority of SNAP recipients are children, or the elderly, or Americans with disabilities. And you know what? That's okay, we need to help all those people I just mentioned because while the GOP and people like /u/greylat would rather leave them cold and dry in the depths of poverty, I and the Democrats will assist those people in need. We do this so that one day they will never need programs like SNAP to assist them. I always am a firm believer of protections for vulnerable Americans because doing so will allow you to give you all the best bang for your buck at places like farmers markets. We're making it easier for working families to eat healthy foods and we're supporting farmers like you who make it a living to grow those foods.

The truth is many people go through hard times and that doesn't mean that we should allow them to go hungry. Not in a country like America. So investing in the communities that grow our food, helping hardworking Americans put that food on the table, that's what we must do and that is what I plan to implement. Let's keep this momentum we have going! In the days ahead, you, my fellow Americans, have a choice, and make that choice clear! I will support you all here today, I will push a new farm bill that will expand the prosperity of small/medium farmers, I will push for expansion of food programs so that you and your children won't have to worry about obtaining another job. The choice is yours - but know this, with the GOP and people like /u/greylat in office they will remove all these programs and effectively cause more poverty than ever before!

Vote for blockdenied and the Democrats this election to strengthen the middle class and to build the ladder for the low income families so that no family will ever have to struggle to feed their families.

Thank you all for tuning in and coming here. Bless the United States of America!

*Blockdenied walks off and greets people, does photos with many others, afterwards blockdenied visits many small farms around the area and buys several fruits from open farmers markets that have locally grown food.*