



Dear President Duvall:

We are writing to outline Vice President Harris and Governor Walz’s vision for an Opportunity Economy that builds on work the Biden-Harris Administration has done over the last three-and-a-half years to increase funding and support for the American farmers and ranchers represented by the American Farm Bureau Federation. The progress Vice President Harris and President Biden have achieved stands in sharp contrast to Donald Trump’s record of hurting—and then abandoning—American farmers and ranchers.

As Vice President, Kamala Harris has invested in rural America so future generations can keep farming and rural Americans can find opportunities right in their hometown. Under her and President Biden’s leadership, the Biden-Harris Administration has invested billions of dollars in federal resources to ignite long-term economic growth in rural communities that have long been left behind, helping rural communities create jobs, build infrastructure, and support economic stability on their own terms. And when they’re elected, Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will never stop fighting to create an economy where rural Americans can not just get by, but get ahead. They are committed to building an Opportunity Economy where everyone can compete and have a real chance to succeed, and where everyone, regardless of who they are or where they start, has an opportunity to build wealth for themselves and their children.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will also promote competition in agriculture markets to ensure farmers and ranchers are treated fairly. As part of the lowering costs agenda she laid out last month, Vice President Harris made clear that she will direct her Administration to crack down on unfair mergers and acquisitions involving big food corporations to help create a level playing field for competition in which all farmers and ranchers thrive and consumers have more choices and lower prices. Her plan will also support family farmers, ranchers, and other small businesses, and strengthen competition in the agricultural supply chain.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will fight to defend programs that allow farmers and ranchers to prosper, while Trump and his allies are trying to defund those programs. Vice President Harris and Governor Walz know how important crop insurance is to protect farmers from unforeseen changes in circumstances. As a Congressman, Governor Walz expanded veterans’ access to crop insurance, farm education, and job training, and led legislation to improve veterans’ access to mental health care. Trump, on the other hand, consistently proposed deep cuts to programs like these that are essential to farmers and ranchers—including coverage for changes in crop yields and price, as well as rural job training and workforce development—all to pay for his tax handouts to the wealthiest Americans. If he’s elected, his Project 2025 agenda will give more handouts to the super-wealthy, while making crop insurance and other necessities for family farmers even more expensive.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz know that excessive red tape can sometimes prevent small businesses, including small farms and ranches from selling their goods. They also know that it can be difficult for small farmers and ranchers to identify and comply with unnecessarily burdensome regulatory requirements. If they are elected, Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will fight to reduce barriers and make it easier for farmers, ranchers, and other small business owners across the country to earn a living and support a family off their hard work. The Biden-Harris Administration has pushed to improve and modernize the process of regulatory review, enhance public participation, and improve regulatory [analysis](#). As president, Kamala Harris will work to ensure regulations are responsive to the needs of everyday Americans.

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As Vice President, Kamala Harris has stood up to China's unfair economic practices to protect Americans, including farmers and ranchers. As President, she will not tolerate unfair trade practices from China or any competitor that undermines American farmers and ranchers.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz have made clear that, under their plan, no American making less than \$400,000 a year will pay more in taxes, and that includes most farmers and ranchers. They will also fight to make sure the ultra-wealthy pay their fair share in taxes. Meanwhile, Donald Trump's \$1.3 trillion giveaway to big corporations allowed them to consolidate power, move more jobs and production overseas, and undercut local small business growth, including in rural communities. Under Trump's agenda, farms and ranches were told the only path to success was to get big or get out. As President, Kamala Harris will fight for a tax code that is more fair for everyone—including America's hardworking farmers and ranchers—and doesn't just benefit the most wealthy among us.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz know that voluntary, collaborative partnerships with farmers are key to addressing the climate crisis. That's why Vice President Harris fought tirelessly for the Inflation Reduction Act, which included a [\\$20 billion](#) investment to help the agricultural community adopt and expand conservation strategies through climate-smart agriculture—all while saving money, ensuring the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes, and increasing productivity.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are committed to a future defined by both American energy security and independence, as well as a clean energy economy that creates good-paying jobs, fueled by the investments we are making here at home. Vice President Harris cast the deciding vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which provided nearly [\\$10 billion](#) for rural renewable energy infrastructure—and made the largest investment in rural electrification in nearly 90 years. This historic legislation also included more than \$2 billion in investments for the Rural Energy for America program, which provides loans and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to build renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. The Inflation Reduction Act is also increasing domestic biofuels, boosting high-quality job opportunities across rural America and enlisting agriculture as a pivotal tool to fight climate change.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz know that biotechnology and biomanufacturing are poised to expand at a rapid pace over the coming decades, adding thousands of good-paying jobs across many sectors of the economy. Vice President Harris has fought to expand biotech education and job training programs. In addition, the Biden-Harris Administration is reinvesting in agricultural research at land-grant universities, including 1890 land-grant institutions, bringing the benefits of innovation and progress to farmers and communities across the country.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz believe that every person in America has a right to clean water. To ensure that no American has to suffer the dangerous effects of contaminated water, the Biden-Harris Administration is working to replace all lead service lines in America—protecting families from lead poisoning, improving wastewater and sanitation infrastructure and tightening standards for toxic air [pollutants](#). Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will fight for the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are committed to preserving biodiversity across our nation. She believes that conservation hinges on locally led, cooperative initiatives that consider all Americans—including American farmers and ranch owners.

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Vice President Harris and Governor Walz know growers need enough workers to support our nation's domestic food production, which is why they have supported an earned pathway to legalization and eventual citizenship for farm and other agricultural workers, in addition to strengthening the H-2A visa program—administered by both Republicans and Democrats for decades—which helps fill seasonal farm jobs with temporary foreign workers. The Biden-Harris Administration has overseen a nearly 50% increase in the H-2A program and strengthened it by making the application process more transparent, making visas more accessible to employers, and supporting employers who comply with the rules so they are not undercut by those who don't. The Biden-Harris Administration also is investing \$50 million to help improve the resiliency of the U.S. food supply chain by addressing agriculture labor challenges and protecting farm workers. Instead of reckless calls for the mass deportation of workers and families deeply rooted in our economy and communities, Vice President Harris and Governor Walz believe in tough, smart solutions to reform our broken immigration system. This means improving our legal immigration system to function better for our economy, farmers, and workers, and reform that includes both strong border security and an earned path to citizenship.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz believe a healthy, vibrant rural America is essential to our nation's success.

Vice President Harris has addressed rural health care, mental health, the opioid epidemic, and more. Vice President Harris will make affordable health care a right, not a privilege by expanding and strengthening the Affordable Care Act and making permanent the Biden-Harris tax credit enhancements that are lowering health care premiums by an average of about \$800 a year for millions of Americans. She'll build on the Biden-Harris Administration's successes in bringing down the cost of lifesaving prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries by extending the \$35 cap on insulin and \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket spending for seniors to all Americans. Her tie-breaking vote on the Inflation Reduction Act gave Medicare the power to go toe to toe with Big Pharma and negotiate lower drug prices. As President, she'll accelerate the negotiations to cover more drugs and lower prices for Americans. As Vice President, she also announced that medical debt will be removed from credit reports, and helped cancel \$7 billion of medical debt for 3 million Americans. As President, she'll work with states to cancel medical debt for even more Americans.

Vice President Harris has also worked to expand access to health care in rural America, dedicating [\\$100 million](#) to grow the workforce of registered nurses and nurse practitioners, especially for rural communities, and expanded support for rural hospitals with [\\$500 million](#) in Emergency Rural Health Care Grants. She has taken action to address our nation's mental health crisis by ensuring mental health coverage will be covered at the same level as other health care for Americans, securing record funding to hire and train over 14,000 mental health professionals for our schools, and expanding access to mental health services with \$10 million in dedicated funding for rural areas. She has also helped provide a [\\$50 million](#) initiative to support opioid treatment and recovery services in rural communities.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are committed to creating economic opportunity in rural America. Through the once-in-a-generation actions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Vice President Harris and President Biden channeled historic investments to deliver affordable high-speed internet, safe roads and bridges, modern wastewater systems, clean drinking water, reliable and affordable electricity, and good-paying jobs in rural communities. Vice President Harris has helped bring high-speed internet access to more than 622,000 people in rural areas with a \$90 billion investment to fight for reliable, affordable high speed internet for everyone in America.

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Vice President Harris and Governor Walz plan to expand the Rural Partners Network nationwide, ensuring that communities across America's heartland have federal resources available to them that are often too difficult to access. They also have set a goal to see 25 million new small business applications in their first term, including by cutting red tape that makes it harder for businesses to launch and grow, expanding the startup expense deduction from \$5,000 to \$50,000, creating innovation hubs, and expanding venture capital and other innovative financing to all of America, including rural America. Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will lower the costs of housing, including by building three million more affordable homes and rental units to end the national housing supply crisis in her first term and provide first-time homebuyers with up to \$25,000 to help with their down payments.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz believe that the federal government should work with Americans—including farmers and ranchers—to manage the care, enjoyment, use and conservation of America's public lands and waters. Under her leadership, the Department of the Interior and the USDA Forest Service are providing relief to ranchers by being flexible to the needs of farmers and ranchers and the conditions that they face on the ground, including by making pasture land available for grazing and issuing refunds to ranchers that were displaced by early season fires and therefore not able to make use of their allotments. When they're elected, Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will continue to partner with farmers and ranchers to promote the balanced management of America's public lands.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are grateful for your support and service.

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