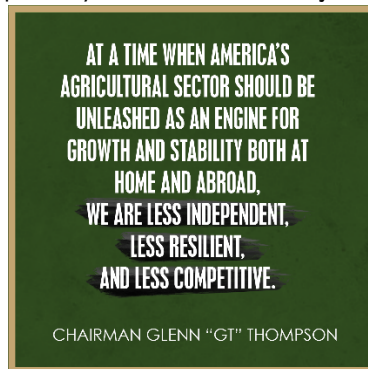
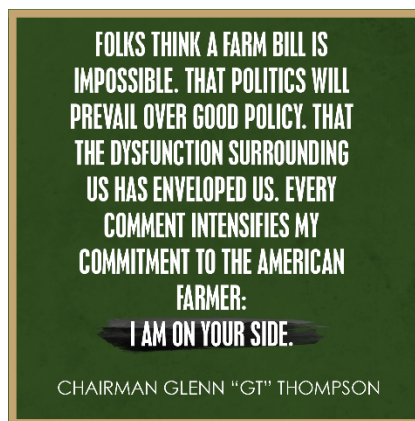


## Tweet Sheet: Vilsack Hearing 2/14/2024

- [@CongressmanGT](#): For nearly three years, I traveled across the country to hear from farmers, ranchers, foresters, rural communities, and everyday consumers. Their message was clear: they need the government to work for them, not against them. #FarmBill
- Farmers have struggled with fractured supply chains, considerable input costs, relentless inflation, natural disasters, volatile markets, and labor shortages, each consistently worsened by ill-conceived, half-baked Executive action crafted by unelected bureaucrats in Washington.
- A #FarmBill is the best opportunity for Congress to course correct and to revitalize the rural communities that are the backbone of our nation. It is an opportunity that typically comes around just once every five years.



- Washington, D.C. is filled with rhetoric and armchair pundits. Instead of coming to the table with ideas, too many politicians go out of their way to work against you.



- Rural America deserves a farm bill that advances agriculture's mandate—to efficiently provide our citizens and the world with reliable access to abundant and affordable food, fiber, and energy resources.

- Under the status quo we are burdening the taxpayer. We are losing ground on the world stage. We are a net agricultural importer. We are less independent, less resilient, and less competitive. A strong farm bill is the best opportunity that exists to course correct.
- The Farm Bill's conservation programs work best when they are voluntary, incentive-based, and locally led.
- Since Joe Biden took office, inflation has skyrocketed to 17.9%. Americans can't afford #Bidenomics.
- Reinvesting unspent Inflation Reduction Act dollars into the #FarmBill baseline will increase conservation funding into perpetuity.
- For the third time in five years, the U.S. will import more agricultural products than it exports.
- Food security is national security. It's simple: China should NOT own U.S. farmland.