



# BARACK OBAMA FOR RURAL AMERICA

## **Support Farmers and Ranchers**

Barack Obama will make sure that we maintain a robust safety net that targets farm program payments appropriately. He will help farmers and ranchers secure fair access to markets, and will ensure that our trade negotiators never unilaterally hurt our farmers and ranchers. Obama supports Senator Tom Harkin's (D-IA) packer ban, country-of-origin labeling for meat products and a \$250,000 limit on farm commodity payments.

## **Protect the Rural Environment**

Obama will continue to work for policies that protect our open spaces and enhance wildlife habitat. He will work to ensure that Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations are regulated appropriately and have access to the right mix of incentives to prevent damage to the air we breathe and the water we drink.

## **Invest in Rural Communities and Infrastructure**

Obama will invest in rural communities by improving rural infrastructure, increasing the availability of high-speed internet access and cell phone service, and supporting rural small businesses.

## **Fight Methamphetamine**

Obama is committed to combating the scourge of methamphetamines in rural areas. He has worked to put federal funds into the fight against methamphetamine, provide assistance to children affected by meth abuse and restrict the sale of meth ingredients.

## **Grow More American Renewable Fuels**

Obama will help American farmers take advantage of the emerging renewable economy, including wind and solar. He will expand our commitment in advanced biofuels. He introduced legislation with Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) to dramatically increase domestic production, distribution, and use of ethanol and biodiesel, and voted to create the Renewable Fuel Standard in 2005.

## **Health Care**

Obama has a plan to provide health care to every American while making our system more effective, saving a typical American family up to \$2,500 every year. Obama is dedicated to improving health care in rural areas, where it too often lags behind health care in more densely populated parts of the country. Obama will promote policies that recruit doctors and nurses to rural areas to improve health care.

## **Improve Rural Education**

Obama will initiate teacher mentoring programs, reward teachers who help students succeed in the classroom and pay teachers more to work in rural areas and teach high-need subjects like math and science.

## **Respect the Rights of Sportsmen while Combating Gun Violence**

Obama will protect the rights of hunters and other lawful gun owners while working to reduce gun violence and making sure that guns do not fall into the hands of criminals or the mentally ill.

OBAMA WILL CREATE REAL CHANGE FOR RURAL AMERICA

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