

To: The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries and  
The Honorable Chuck Schumer



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Subject: The continued abuse and discriminatory practice against Black farmers and ranchers by President Joe Biden, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Thomas Vilsack.

Greetings from Black farmers and ranchers of America,

Today marks a historical event in American history. On this day, Black America, more specifically, Rural Black America, shall denounce unwavering support of the Democratic Party. It has been nearly three years since the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law. Black farmers and ranchers believe that President Biden and Secretary Vilsack purposely delayed the implementation of the act to allow White farmers to challenge the relief for Black farmers. As part of the plan, President Biden and Secretary Vilsack conspired other individuals to perfect the final "Great Black Land Grab."

The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 is the mechanism to dispossess Black farmers and ranchers of their land. Secretary Vilsack has closed over 22,000 discrimination complaints that would have paid Black farmers their actual damages. The IRA creates new tax liabilities for Black farmers and ranchers which they are unable to pay. In the interim, President Biden and Secretary Vilsack continuously enrich White farmers through the American Rescue Plan Act to put them in position to purchase the farms from the Black farmers and ranchers who could not pay the tax liability created by the IRA.

Mr. Jeffries, from one Black man to another, I was hopeful when you became the speaker. That position also made you the de facto leader of the Black Congressional Caucus (BCC). I must readily admit, the leadership of the BCC has been less than impressive when it relates to issues concerning Black farmers and ranchers. The BCC members are present when legislation is being proposed, and it appears that they are not questioning anything about how the proposed legislation affects Black America. When Black farmers and ranchers attempt to speak with the BCC, the members refuse to communicate or question any decisions made by Secretary Vilsack. With such poor representation, why would anyone go to the source of the problem for answers? In addition, Black Farmers want to know WHY Democrats have supported paying Ukrainian farmers 25 billion dollars and have yet to put one red cent in the pockets of Black farmers? Not one Ukrainian farmer can cast a vote for President Biden in 2024. The discrimination by Biden and Vilsack is in plain sight and they have dared Black America to take a stance in opposition.

Take notice, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Schumer, the Democratic Party and Black Congressional Caucus, we will go to the ballot boxes in opposition of a second term for Biden in 2024 as a direct response to our disgust of the continued mistreatment of Black America. In addition, there are members of the BCC that need to be shown the door, as well. As a commitment to our future, our voices and votes shall be earned and not taken for granted. As a victim of the discriminatory practices of Secretary Vilsack, who lost his farm through unlawful foreclosure, my commitment

to Rural Black America is unwavering. I would like to leave you with this thought. “How would you feel if you had to give up your deed from the result of discrimination by the government?”

We will say “No to Joe in 24”, and we can only hope that your party will stop taking Black voters for granted.

Sincerely,

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