

Barnes campaign: ICYMI: Wisconsin farmer responds to Tom Tiffany's defense of Trump's tariffs: 'Tariffs are killing farms'

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Tom Tiffany Told [NOTUS](#) That Wisconsin Farmers' Pain From Tariffs Is Worth It "At The End Of The Day"

Fourth Generation Wisconsin Farmer And Mandela Barnes Supporter Responds In [Heartland Signal](#): "By The Time That Day Comes, Every Farmer I Know Will Be Out Of Business"

Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes: "Our Farmers Don't Need a Governor Who Asks Them To Wait Patiently For Trump's Broken Promises"

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Tom Tiffany [brushed aside concerns](#) about Trump's tariffs devastating Wisconsin's agricultural sector—telling farmers to hang tight because the state will benefit “at the end of the day.”

Fourth generation Wisconsin farmer, Les Danielson, “didn’t mince words” in his response to Tiffany, saying “by the time that day comes, every farmer I know will be out of business”:

“Tom Tiffany is supposed to be representing our interests in Congress, instead he’s just worried about staying on Trump’s nice list. I’m the fourth generation farmer of our family farm and I can tell you, by the time that day comes, every farmer I know will be gone and out of business. Family farmers are already hanging on by a

thread. You can only run in the red for so long before there's nothing left. Mandela Barnes gets that and has a plan to fight for farmers like me by taking on corporate interests and standing up to Trump and his tariffs that are killing farms. Not telling us to wait it out while we go under."

Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes also slammed Tiffany, pointing directly to the [farm bankruptcy crisis](#) Tiffany and Trump are causing with their reckless tariffs, that [Tiffany just voted](#) once again to protect, and promised to fight to "keep farms in the family" and "show up for the people who feed this state and country" as their Governor:

"Farmers don't have until 'the end of the day.' We are already seeing eight times more farm bankruptcies than just a year ago under Trump and Tiffany's agenda. Our farmers don't need a governor who asks them to wait patiently for Trump's broken promises while they struggle every day. They need a governor who rejects the Washington Way—bailing out foreign countries while tariffs tank our soybean markets—and gets things done the Wisconsin Way. As Governor, I will fight to lower costs, keep farms in the family, and actually show up for the people who feed this state and country."

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- Wisconsin dairy farmer Les Danielson says every farmer he knows will be out of business soon because of President Donald Trump's tariff policies which U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany's (R-WI) recently applauded.
- In a statement obtained by Heartland Signal, Danielson did not mince words while responding to Tiffany's recent interview with NOTUS, where the Republican gubernatorial candidate defended Trump's tariffs by saying, "Wisconsin, at the end of the day, is going to benefit as we bring manufacturing back to the state."
- In his statement, Danielson endorsed Democratic candidate Mandela Barnes' economic platform. Barnes is Tiffany's possible opponent in the Wisconsin gubernatorial race later this year.
- Barnes, who led a field of nine Democratic primary candidates for governor in a

recent poll conducted by TIPP Insights, said Tiffany's support for Trump's policies will hurt farmers if he is elected governor. Last December, Trump's Department of Agriculture announced a \$12 billion bailout for farmers. However, Wisconsin agricultural experts told NOTUS that the bailout is a short-term solution that won't fix farmers' revenue problem.

- "They [financial bailouts] don't solve the long-run problem of higher input costs and low prices; they are a Band-Aid to get us through this short-term problem," said Renk Agribusiness Institute Director Paul Mitchell. During Trump's second administration, Tiffany has routinely championed and voted for Trump's economic policies. Tiffany garnered an endorsement from Trump last month, who said the Wisconsin representative has "always been by his side."