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## Blair Believes

*"In an era of never-ending corporate bailouts and profit-over-people policies, to ensure the economic growth of the 1st District, I will defend small businesses and local farmers to ensure they can be competitive & profitable."*



*"Our subsidies and tax laws must never undermine the economic viability of small businesses and local farmers."*  
-- Blair

## OUR ECONOMY

### Local Businesses & Farms: The Jewels Of Our Communities

#### Owning a business is hard.

Whether a small farm or local store, community entrepreneurs are often the first to suffer from economic downturns & natural disasters, but last to be supported by federal funds. Yet, these businesses employ community members, attract tourists and are a source of pride. I'll protect them with policies that reward their value to our local economy.

#### THE ISSUES:

- Only 10% of small businesses can expect to survive their first year.
- Owning a business provides a lifestyle this nation has valued since its beginning
- Our policies do not currently adequately support the entrepreneurial spirit of Americans.
- Small farmers' mental health is at stake with suicide rates twice that of non-farmers.
- Local farms face constant risk of bankruptcy, weather, and competition from corporate farms.

#### Blair will:

- Create access to federal funds to expand broadband in areas where private internet providers refuse to provide adequate service so small businesses & farms can reach consumers.
- Vote for infrastructure projects to ensure safe transport of goods
- Support increased storage for surplus farm produce
- Prioritize small business growth and opportunity over multinational corporate interest
- Support full legalization of cannabis to ensure that farmers can grow, market and ship their products freely
- Support initiatives to keep our independent farmers competitive and profitable
- Ensure that small businesses can access loans and federal funds