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## The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

## U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

Sunday, May 17, 2026

**The Honorable Members of the United States Senate**

**The Honorable Members of the United States House of Representatives**

United States Congress

Washington, D.C. 20510

**Dear Members of Congress,**

I am writing to you as a candidate for President of the United States and as a citizen who can no longer watch in silence while the institutions of this government fail the American farmer, corrupt the American food supply, and permit the food-producing land of this nation to be stripped away by financial interests that have no obligation to the people whose lives depend on it.

**I am asking you to act. Not eventually. Not after the next election cycle. Now.**

## The Crisis Before You

The United States is losing approximately 2,000 acres of agricultural land every single day. Family farms that have operated for generations are being displaced by private equity firms, institutional investors, and foreign state-linked entities whose interest in American farmland is financial and strategic — not agricultural. The food produced by PE-owned industrial operations is being systematically degraded: chemical additives introduced to extend shelf life and shareholder returns, livestock confined in conditions that require routine antibiotic use simply to survive them, nutritional value sacrificed at every step for processing efficiency.

At the same time, the power of eminent domain is being weaponized against family farmers on behalf of private commercial projects. In Spalding County, Georgia, a multi-generational cattle farmer named Jeff Melin is losing 225 acres of his 450-acre operation to make room for a corporate jet airport — 124 hangars for private aircraft. He was given 90 days to move his herd and 75 years of his family's tools. He was paid a



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fraction of what comparable land has sold for. Century-old pecan trees were cut down before the legal process was even complete.

This is happening because Congress has not finished what it started. The 2005 Kelo decision opened the door to this abuse. The Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2006 was supposed to close it. It did not.

## What I Am Asking You to Pass

I am formally calling on the United States Congress to pass the American Agricultural Sovereignty Act, a comprehensive legislative framework including the following provisions:

### **I. Full Prohibition on Private Equity Ownership of Food-Producing Farmland**

No private equity firm, hedge fund, or institutional investor whose primary purpose is financial return may own, lease, or control active food-producing farmland in the United States. Mandatory divestiture within three years of enactment, with right of first refusal to the original farming family, neighboring family farmers, and state agricultural land trusts in that order. Criminal liability for officers who knowingly violate the prohibition.

### **II. Prohibition on Foreign State-Linked Entity Ownership — With Fair Compensation**

No foreign government, sovereign wealth fund, state-owned enterprise, or entity subject to foreign government control may hold any interest in American agricultural land. Full divestiture within two years. However — and this is important — the legislation must include an Agricultural Land Repatriation Compensation Fund that pays full fair market value plus a ten percent goodwill payment to any foreign state-linked entity required to divest. These investors acted under the laws as they existed. We owe them honest dealing even as we correct a policy failure of prior administrations. Private foreign investors who are not state-linked remain welcome participants in American agriculture under transparent conditions.

### **III. Post-Kelo Eminent Domain Reform with Real Teeth**

Eminent domain cannot be used to permanently destroy active food-producing land for purposes that primarily serve private commercial interests. Independent federal appraisals at true market value required before any taking is finalized. A federal right of action for landowners who receive below-appraised compensation. Federal funding stripped from any state or locality that violates these standards. A minimum 180-day notice requirement before any physical alteration of taken agricultural property.



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## IV. Top Tier Organic Production and Care National Standard

A single, unified, enforceable national standard for all agricultural operations on United States soil — regardless of ownership structure. The standard governs soil health, animal welfare, input transparency, labor conditions, and third-party certification. A graduated seven-year transition timeline ensures fairness. Imported food must meet an equivalent standard to be sold in the United States. This is not a regulatory burden. It is a public health baseline that the wealthiest food-producing nation on earth has an obligation to maintain.

## V. Food Safety Reform Targeting PE-Owned Food Operations

Mandatory plain-language disclosure of all chemical additives on food labels. Mandatory corporate and private equity ownership disclosure on packaging. A ban on routine preventive antibiotic use in livestock — a public health emergency measure against accelerating antibiotic resistance. Prohibition on growth hormones in livestock raised for human consumption. Criminal liability for corporate officers who knowingly approve food production practices that introduce harmful substances into the American food supply.

## VI. Two-Tier National Agricultural Land Registry

A publicly accessible registry of all foreign-linked agricultural land holdings — aggregated by county and country of origin at the public level, with precise geolocations maintained in a classified tier accessible only to authorized federal agencies and cleared congressional oversight committee members, audited annually by the GAO. Full transparency to the government. Appropriate protection of sensitive locational data from the public domain. Due process protections — including independent administrative law judge hearings — for any entity the government asserts is subject to foreign state operational influence.

## A Word on Urgency

I want to be direct with you: the American people are watching. Jeff Melin's story has reached millions of Americans. The frustration it represents — the feeling that government serves corporate interests rather than the people who elected it — is not a fringe sentiment. It is the dominant experience of working Americans across every region and every political persuasion.

**The window for Congress to act on this issue with credibility is open. It will not remain open indefinitely.**

I am prepared to work with any member of this body — Republican or Democrat, House or Senate — who is willing to put the American farmer and the American food supply



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ahead of the interests of private equity and foreign capital. This is not a partisan issue. It is a sovereignty issue. It is a food safety issue. It is a national security issue.

I look forward to your response and to working together to get this done.

Respectfully submitted,

**Vincent Cordova**

*The next, 48<sup>th</sup> President of the United States,*

**A Member of Your Global Family**

*On behalf of all who refuse to surrender the future without a fight.*