

Tom Vilsack

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Quality, affordable housing is a key element of a strong and secure Iowa.

~Tom Vilsack

The rise of childhood obesity has placed the health of an entire generation at risk.

~Tom Vilsack

One out of every 12 jobs in the economy is connected in some way, shape or form to what happens on the farm.

~Tom Vilsack

If we can get people to focus on fruits and vegetables and more healthy foods, we'll be better in terms of our healthcare situation.

~Tom Vilsack

We have a long tradition in this state of caring for our neighbors - it is truly an Iowa value.

~Tom Vilsack

Proper school nutrition must be complemented by activities outside of the cafeteria. The decisions parents make to keep their kids healthy are critical in fighting this battle on the home front.

~Tom Vilsack

Now our job, our duty, our responsibility to ensure the safety and security of our citizens cannot be complete unless we guarantee health care security for our citizens.

~Tom Vilsack

People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible.

~Tom Vilsack

There are a lot of farmers and ranchers who are struggling. I get on my knees every day. If I had a rain prayer or a rain dance I could do, I would do it.

~Tom Vilsack

The lack of access to proper nutrition is not only fueling obesity, it is leading to food insecurity and hunger among our children.

~Tom Vilsack

The future of healthcare security should include flexibility from the federal government to allow us to serve the state's most vulnerable citizens.

~Tom Vilsack

Americans ... want leaders who share their values, understand their needs, and respect their intelligence.

~Tom Vilsack

Many young and beginning farmers start out in local markets. Some stay there, and some scale up.

~Tom Vilsack

During a national crisis, we as a nation become a single community and no one should take advantage of a crisis.

~Tom Vilsack

What Republicans have done in my view is that they are systematically dismantling a sense of community in America.

~Tom Vilsack

President Obama's fight for rural America is personal. He was raised by a single mom and grandparents from Kansas. He hails from a farming state, Illinois.

~Tom Vilsack

At President Obama's direction, the U.S Department of Agriculture is working hard to unleash the power of America's innovators and entrepreneurs to build a green energy economy.

~Tom Vilsack

And sometimes people don't realize that 90 percent of the persistent poverty counties are located in rural America.

~Tom Vilsack

When you've paid your debt to society, you need to be reconnected and re-engaged in society.

~Tom Vilsack

Although they are some of the hardest working folks I know, rural Americans earn, on average, \$11,000 less than their urban counterparts each year. And they are more likely to live in poverty.

~Tom Vilsack

To keep farmers on the farm we must maintain a strong farm safety net, but we will also have to build a thriving companion economy to compliment production agriculture in rural America.

~Tom Vilsack

Strong communities ... embrace change. New discoveries require us to think differently and approach things differently, to think anew.

~Tom Vilsack

If we are to transition to a new economy and to lead it, we must start by transforming our schools.

~Tom Vilsack

Food is a fairly significant aspect of my life. I have struggled mightily with food. With my weight. And I'm conscious of it. So I have a sensitivity to people who struggle with their weight.

~Tom Vilsack

There are children with dreams counting on us.

~Tom Vilsack

The Obama administration will continue to fight for a comprehensive immigration solution that includes AgJobs and a stable workforce for our farms.

~Tom Vilsack

The food pyramid is very complicated. It doesn't give you as much info in a quick glance as the plate does.

~Tom Vilsack

More than half of America's rural counties are losing population and with it, political representation.

~Tom Vilsack

Local and regional food systems are about opportunity.

~Tom Vilsack

In 2011, agricultural exports hit a record high and producers saw their best incomes in nearly 40 years.

~Tom Vilsack

I grew up in a city. My parents would think there was something wrong with America if they knew I was secretary of agriculture.

~Tom Vilsack

I don't think the face of the Democratic Party is Nancy Pelosi.

~Tom Vilsack

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy.

~Tom Vilsack

There is more potential for economic growth in rural America than at any time in decades.

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I think we all share the same goal, which is a United States of America that inspires people and leads.

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