

***“Your Rights, Your Security, Your Future...Are Worth Fighting For!”***



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BRADLEY, Ill., Apr 1, 2022 — The Ashley Ramos Campaign issued the following statement in support of Illinois farmers dealing with the increase in crime, including vandalism and theft of machinery, components, fuel and we recognize their growing rightful demand for accountability.

“While recently visiting with Gilman, Illinois residents, they recently alerted me of the escalating crime they are dealing with. Farming residents in particular have indicated that they have no recourse with the theft happening from their property. One farmer said ‘...it all falls on deaf ears.’

As a candidate for U.S. Congress in a district with several farmers dealing with this very issue, I want to put my support behind these folks in seeking justice for the crimes committed against them and ask that surrounding residents and communities speak up if they see crime or know of those committing unlawful vandalism or theft,” said Ashley Ramos, Illinois Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in the 2nd Congressional District in 2022.

“While on the campaign trail we discovered the ignored plight of farmers in the southern portion of this district. While traveling through Iroquois county, I met a lovely business owner and farmer who took the time to talk to me and tell me more about herself and life as she knows it.

She disclosed to me that right after the farming fuel tanks were fueled in anticipation of the upcoming growing season, multiple farmers had their tanks drained or the whole tank stolen! All conveniently right after being filled with fuel,” said Ramos.

Other crimes against these farmers include equipment theft, catalytic converters being stolen off of their expensive equipment, and fuel tanks being drained from holes in the tanks of farm vehicles. The theft and damages is estimated to a cost between \$50,000-\$70,000, according to the folks in Iroquois. This estimated figure does not include the machines that can’t get replacement converters or new machines via insurance claim due to chip shortages.

“Where are the investigations? The city police in the area were defunded, and Iroquois county is the closest police force, but only has an officer on duty in the area for two hours a day between 2-4 pm (and every criminal knows it.) There is no accountability, and no help for the caretakers of the land that sustain the people. Something must immediately be done to deter these forms of vandalism,” said Ramos, who believes residents should be speaking out at County Boards to demand immediate action.

The campaign doesn’t not support any politically motivated initiative pushed by partisan Democrats on a federal, state or local level to defund the police. The situation of crime escalating in the district is clearly not just occurring in Cook County, where law enforcement is made the enemy by incumbent politicians for political expediency. With crime emboldened in Illinois, it is crucial communities stand up to local, state and federal incumbents pushing for a cut in our first line of defense, law enforcement.

The people in the district expect security to be a priority not a political talking point.

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