



Friends,

I wanted to let you know today that I am very seriously considering running for Congress in 2016.

Our current Congressman, Marlin Stutzman, will be vacating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District seat to run for U.S. Senate. This presents us with an opportunity and an obligation to elect a conservative leader who has experience dealing with the most pressing issues facing Northeast Indiana.

Many of you have reached out, encouraging me to make this run and I appreciate your confidence. I have started speaking with key stakeholders across Northeast Indiana and I have appreciated their inspiration and advice.

Our family business has been farming in Northeast Indiana for seven generations and I've been proud to be a part of that family business. Together, we have grown Tom Farms into an industry leader.

I've also had the opportunity to serve my state and community for eight years as a member of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, where our singular focus was bringing good-paying jobs to Indiana and I'm happy to say helped Indiana break records for job creation and attraction nearly every year.

In the next few weeks I intend to meet with and listen to our neighbors all across the 3<sup>rd</sup> district before making a final decision, but the encouragement so far has been overwhelming and for that, I'm grateful.

I believe Congress needs a lot more conservative citizen legislators who have created jobs, met a payroll, helped improve their communities and a lot fewer career politicians.

As I go through this process over the next several weeks, I'd love to hear what you think, so please don't hesitate to contact me to let me know.

--Kip