

STATEMENT FROM
**SENATOR
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★ ON CHINESE CONTROL OF INDIANA FARMLAND ★



I HAVE ABSOLUTELY **NEVER VOTED** FOR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW CHINESE COMPANIES TO PURCHASE, CONTINUE TO OWN, OR OPERATE LAND IN INDIANA.

In fact, it is exactly the opposite. I have voted three times (2019, 2024, and 2026) for legislation that prevents individuals and businesses from adversarial countries from purchasing farmland in Indiana and requires our state to divest from China.

★ THE FACTS ★



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The need to address this issue comes from the barrage of television ads, texts, and mailers from my opponent and his backers claiming that I “**Sold Us Out to China,**” which is very misleading and frankly offensive.



These ads use a footnote referencing **House Bill 1183 (2024)**, which passed unanimously in the Senate (47-0) and nearly unanimously in the House (91-1). The bill bars entities affiliated with China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela from acquiring or renting agricultural land—as well as mineral, riparian, and water rights.



THE SYNGENTA EXCEPTION

What my opponent is using to make this claim—against me and essentially the entire Indiana Legislature if they were being honest—is a carved-out exception in **HB 1183** for Swiss-based company **Syngenta**, which had a long-term lease of 195 acres of cropland in Allen County.

Because Syngenta was ultimately sold to China, that parcel became an issue. It was identified by the USDA as the **sole Indiana parcel** owned by a Chinese-connected entity due to that narrow exception in the 2024 law.



★ THAT ISSUE WAS ADDRESSED THIS YEAR. ★

Senate Enrolled Act 256 (2026) was passed to further strengthen protections for Indiana land by expanding restrictions and enforcement on foreign adversaries and requiring divestiture where applicable.



EXPANDS RESTRICTIONS beyond farmland



ADDS ENFORCEMENT mechanisms



REQUIRES DIVESTITURE where applicable



THIS LEGISLATION AGAIN PASSED THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY (49-0) AND THE HOUSE (85-13).



Questions?

Please email me at linda@lindarogers.org if you have additional questions.

