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### **WATCH: Josh Harder Campaign Releases New Ad “This Time” Highlighting Central Valley Farmers Hurt By Trade War**

Today, the Josh Harder for Congress campaign released “This Time,” featuring walnut farmer John Casazza, sharing his experience struggling to make ends meet in light of this Administration’s destructive trade war.

**The bottom line of the ad is simple:** the current trade war will kill jobs and cost Central Valley farmers millions in productivity, but Republican Jeff Denham still sides with Trump 97% of the time instead of sticking up for the farmers he claims to represent. Worse, he’s actually on record standing against farmers in favor of the Administrations’ trade war.

Josh Harder released the following statement:

“Jeff Denham talks a big game about standing up for farmers – but when the Washington trade war came after Central Valley products like almonds, walnuts, fruit, and wine, Jeff Denham did nothing. What’s worse – he says he supports this trade war that is killing jobs and devastating farmers’ bottom lines, in just another example of how Jeff Denham says one thing in the Central Valley but does another in Washington.”

Josh’s new ad can be found [HERE](#).

#### **TRANSCRIPT:**

*CASAZZA: My family has been growing walnuts here for four generations. We’re looking at one of the saddest markets in years. This trade war from Trump will cost farmers like me millions. It’s killing jobs, and Jeff Denham still votes with Trump 97% of the time. I’m a Republican but I can’t vote for Jeff Denham this time.*

*HARDER: It’s time we had a representative who voted for the Valley, not their political party. I’m Josh Harder, and I approve this message, because I’m going to work Harder, for you.*

#### **THE FACTS:**

**Jeff Denham Supports the Trade War.** “Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Turlock, said in an interview that the retaliatory tariffs have had a negative “immediate impact” on his district, but the president’s trade policies would be helpful in the long term. “Nobody wants the tariffs,” Denham said, “but I think everybody I’ve talked to understands that there’ve been imbalances and unfairness that have happened in many of these countries.”” [Mercury News, 8.5.2018]

**The Trade War has been Devastating for CA-10 Farmers.** “After President Trump slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum and later escalated by targeting \$50 billion in Chinese products, Beijing retaliated. China’s tariffs on U.S. pistachios this year have increased to 45% from 5%. China targeted pistachios to inflict pain in a region where Republicans are politically vulnerable. About 99% of American pistachios are grown in California’s San Joaquin Valley, home of GOP Reps. David Valadao, Jeff Denham and Devin Nunes.” [WSJ Editorial Board, 7/16/2018]

**Trade War Could Affect Up To \$5 Billion In California Agricultural Exports To China And Mexico Alone.** “According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Mexican tariffs could affect \$700 million in California exports to Mexico, including cheese sales amounting to \$77 million. China’s retaliation, according to chamber estimates, could affect \$4 billion in California exports, ranging from automobile components to agricultural products. With

California and other states expecting economic losses, trade is rising as a key issue in the mid-term congressional elections. Democrats are pressuring Republicans to speak out against Trump's tariffs, including those in California who represent dairy counties, such as David Valadao of Hanford, Jeff Denham of Turlock and Devin Nunes of Tulare." [McClatchy, 7/6/2018]

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*A product of California's Central Valley, Josh Harder is a Modesto Junior College teacher and businessman running as a Democrat in California's 10th District, which is currently represented by Republican incumbent Congressman Jeff Denham. Denham won re-election in 2016 by the third narrowest margin of any Republican Congressman nationwide — then voted to take health care coverage away from millions of Californians. Harder grew up in Turlock, went to public school and worked his way through college and business school. Now he's running for Congress to create an economy that works for the Central Valley.*

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