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## **Blain's Farm and Fleet Hosts Listening Session with Local Farmers & Business Owners, Vice President Michael Pence and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan**

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Blain's is honored to have been chosen to host the Vice President of the United States, Michael Pence, and Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, on Friday, March 3, 2017. The purpose of the visit is to conduct a Listening Session with a small group of farmers and local business owners. Vice President Pence will also deliver a speech to approximately 350 Blain Supply associates and invited guests from the community.

"I agreed to host this event because I was given the opportunity to bring together successful farmers and multi-generational family-owned businesses to speak directly to the Vice President to share the topics that they care most about," says Owner/President and CEO, Jane Blain Gilbertson. "Farmers and local family-owned businesses have anchored this community, and they are the life-blood of our country."

"We are proud of the Janesville community. It is our pleasure to support it and our honor to introduce it to the Vice President," adds Blain Gilbertson. This event is an example of Blain's Farm and Fleet's dedication to giving back to the community. Other examples include the Bert and Claude Blain Memorial Scholarships, 4-H Sponsorships, FFA programs, the Kids Helping Kids program, American Heart Association events, support for Rotary events, Janesville Performing Arts Center and various other local organizations.

Blain's Farm and Fleet is a second generation, family-owned business which was opened in 1955 by Blain Gilbertson's dad, Bert Blain, and uncle, Claude Blain. For 62-years, the family-owned and operated stores have proudly served 38 communities throughout Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, with headquarters in Janesville, WI. Blain's has over 4,400 associates with 600 in two Janesville locations. Blain's Farm and Fleet is trusted to provide high quality products, competitive prices and reliable service both in its stores and throughout the USA on FarmAndFleet.com.

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