



Senator XX,

On behalf of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, I write to urge you to oppose LB 364.

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations represents a group of professional fundraisers who support public education through philanthropy. We connect donors to education with public awareness and advocacy, resulting in deep public-private partnerships that benefit students. Our profession gives us insight into the realities of education philanthropy. LB 364 will provide a disparate impact for those who choose to donate to public school foundations, versus those who would utilize the tax credit mechanism found in LB 364.

Incentivizing private school philanthropy before meeting public school needs is bad public policy. Tax policy in LB 364 substantially favors private school donors over public school donors. The tax credit afforded private school donors in LB 364 is markedly different than the tax deduction our public school donors realize. It is unfair. At a time when public schools need our foundation support most, LB 364 handicaps our work and establishes unfair advantage for private school fundraisers.

Public schools are weathering extraordinary challenges that impact their ability to meet the needs of students. Public school foundations step up where need exists. When state aid leaves the public school funding formula short, we bridge gaps. When the State does not participate in the cost of education, we bridge gaps. Our organizations have stepped up to support Nebraska's constitutional obligation to provide free instruction in the public schools of this great State. Last year our 32-member organization served 212,599 students by raising over \$64 million.

Keep the playing field level for all school foundations by voting NO on LB364. For clarity about what we do and how LB 364 relates to our work, contact me or your local public school foundation representative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sara Alig-Martin', is positioned below the 'Respectfully,' text.

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