

# RICKETTS REVIEW







Fellow Nebraskans,

Nebraska is what America is supposed to be. The reason is our people. As I travel across our state, I am reminded of the values that make Nebraska special. We're committed to faith, family, community, and hard work. These values are the same ones that guide my service to Nebraska.

When I was Governor, we spent eight years delivering excellence. We put taxpayers first. We kept spending low. We respected individual freedoms, ran government well, and provided \$12.7 billion in tax relief back to Nebraskans.

Today, we're seeing real results again with President Trump back in the White House and a Republican majority in the Senate. We're securing the border. We're growing our economy. We're providing tax relief for hardworking Americans.

It's rare to have the opportunity to set an entire nation on a better course for generations. The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB) delivers a historic conservative win. It cuts wasteful spending, slashes harmful regulations, and delivers real savings for families. The bill keeps \$2,443 in the pockets of the average Nebraska family. It will lead up to \$9,050 more in take-home pay for that same Nebraska family. It's a big step toward restoring common sense in Washington.

To keep this momentum going, we must continue applying the same principles that have worked in Nebraska. As your Senator, I'm fighting to stop reckless spending, cut the bureaucratic red tape, and make the federal government work better.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Pete Ricketts

U.S. Senator for Nebraska

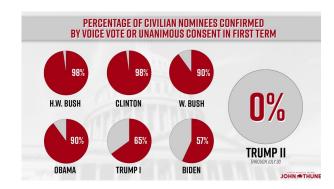
#### The Ricketts Record:

#### **DELIVERING RESULTS FOR NEBRASKANS**

Under Republican leadership, the 119th Senate has been the most successful Senate in the last 35 years:

- We passed the **One Big Beautiful Bill**. This historic legislation is great for families, protects our nation, and grows our economy.
- We passed **248** other pieces of legislation, including:
  - O Laken Riley Act
  - O Genius Act
  - O HALT Fentanyl Act
- We passed **3** appropriations bills including Military Construction and the VA, Agriculture, and Legislative Branch.
  - O Last year, Chuck Schumer refused to bring any appropriations bills to the floor.
- We passed a rescission bill that President Trump signed into law.
  - O \$9 billion cut to claw back and reprioritize our federal spending.
  - O First rescissions bill in **30 years**.
- · We passed **16** Congressional Review Act resolutions overturning burdensome Biden regulations.
- We confirmed 125 of Trump's nominees.
- We confirmed all **21** of President Trump's Cabinet nominees at fastest pace since 2001.
- We confirmed the **most ambassadors in first 100 days** since the Reagan administration.
- Longest stretch of continuous session in over 15 years.
  - O 499 votes—the most roll call votes in the first six months of a year since 1989.

Despite unprecedented Democrat obstruction of the confirmation process, the Senate Republican majority is working hard to get America back on track.



#### **DELIVERING BIPARTISAN WINS**

- · We passed the **Laken Riley Act**, the strongest immigration enforcement law in decades.
  - O This included **Sarah's Law**, named for Sarah Root, who was killed in Omaha by an illegal alien drunk driver just hours after graduating from college. A federal legal loophole allowed her killer to evade justice for years. Sarah's Law eliminated that loophole.
- We passed the **HALT Fentanyl Act**, which permanently reschedules fentanyl and its analogues as the most deadly type of drug this will lead to harsher sentences for drug traffickers.
- · We passed the **GENIUS Act**, which supports financial innovation.

#### THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL DELIVERS

It's rare to have the opportunity to set an entire nation on a better course for generations. The One Big Beautiful Bill does just that.

#### WITH THE ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL The average Nebraskan family avoids a \$2,443 tax hike The average Nebraska family will see up to Nebraska families receive \$9,050 take-home \$2,200 expanded child tax credit pay increase American farmers and ranchers Families across the country will see Rural Nebraska hospitals can pass on \$500,000 in employerwill receive \$200 billion of hard-\$100 million each of the provided childcare credits earned assets next 5 years

The One Big Beautiful Bill preserves, protects, and encourages investment and innovation. It strengthens what makes America great through reforms and reductions to waste and inefficiencies.

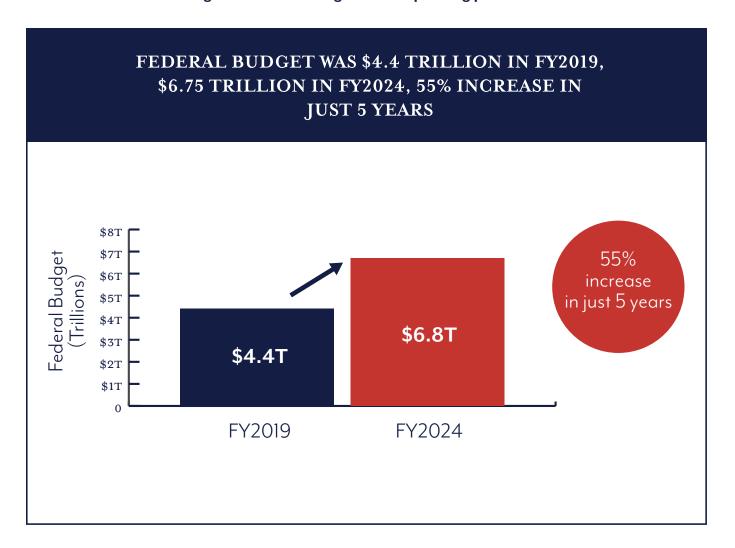
Most importantly, Republicans prevented a \$4 trillion tax hike on all Americans. The One Big Beautiful Bill helps Americans making less than \$50,000 the most.



#### The National Debt: Our Greatest Domestic Threat

During his four years in office, Joe Biden added **\$8.4 trillion** to our national debt, which now stands at **\$36 trillion**<sup>1</sup>. Our debt would cost every household **\$273,000**<sup>2</sup>. At more than **120%** of GDP, the debt is larger than the total amount of goods and services produced here each year<sup>3</sup>.

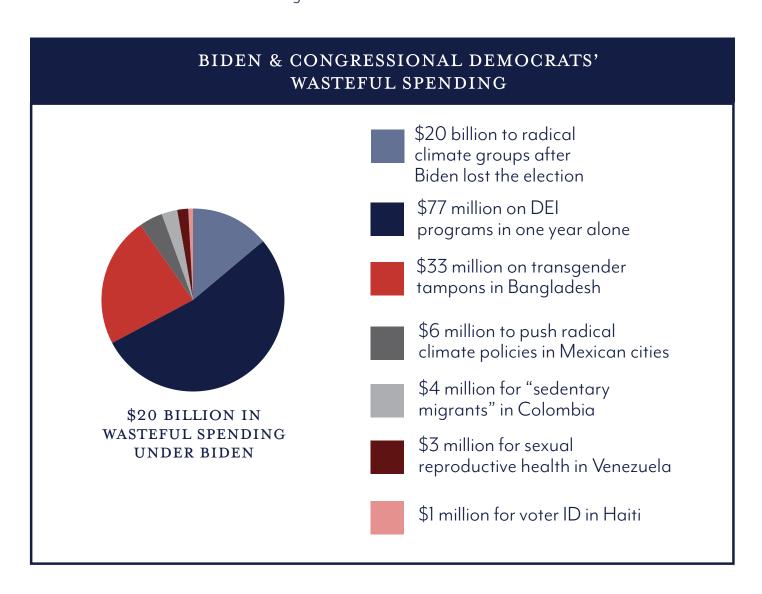
The national debt is so large because Washington has a spending problem.



<sup>1</sup> https://www.jec.senate.gov/public/vendor/\_accounts/JEC-R/debt/Monthly%20Debt%20Update.html

### Joe Biden's Reckless Spending

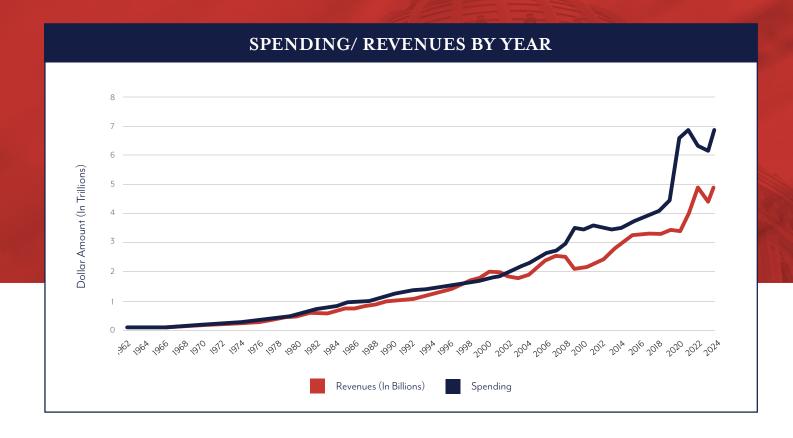
Biden's reckless spending caused prices to rise over **20%**. Gas prices increased **30%**. Grocery prices increased **22%**. Rent prices increased **24%**. Families were forced to spend **\$13,300** more per year to maintain the same standard of living.



<sup>4</sup> https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/cpi\_02102021.htm

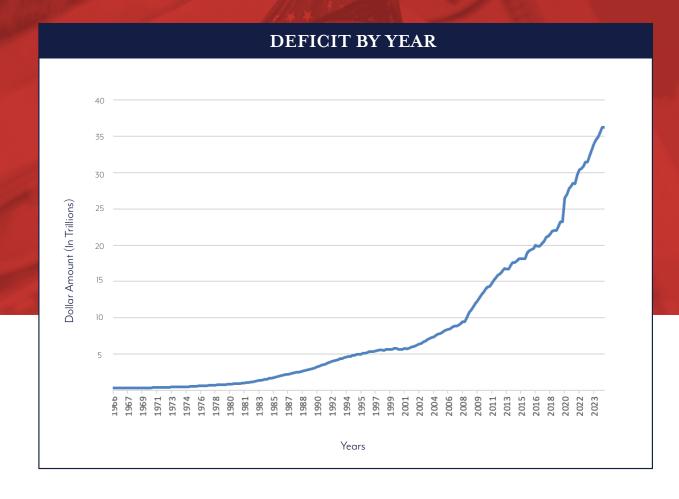
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 $<sup>3\</sup> https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/Opening-Statement-Chairman-Paul.pdf$ 



Revenues are not the problem. Reckless spending is the problem. Nebraska families know that you cannot keep running up your credit card debt. This unsustainable fiscal policy must be addressed urgently with spending reforms.

Nebraskans expect their leaders to respect their tax dollars. They expect us to spend every cent effectively and efficiently. To do that, we are working on cutting waste, fraud, and abuse from the Biden administration while growing our economy. The average GDP growth rate over the last 15 years has been 2.4%. Maintaining that growth rate, the OBBB will reduce the deficit by \$2.4 trillion. By reducing spending and strengthening our economy, we will cut the national debt and secure America's prosperity into the future.



#### **CUTTING SPENDING**

By cutting spending, we can live within our means. Every dollar saved is a dollar taken from the deficit and savings on interest.

- \$540 billion cut from Inflation Reduction Act.
- \$15 billion cut from Build Back Better.
- \$9 billion cut in rescissions.

#### **CREATING GROWTH**

By increasing growth, we will pay down our debt and make sure more money goes into the pockets of American citizens.

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- Up to \$300 billion in economic growth.
- Up to **938,000** new jobs over 10 years.
- Up to **\$9,050** increase in take-home pay.

### IS A WIN FOR NEBRASKANS

The One Big Beautiful Bill is the biggest tax cut in history for working and middle-class Americans. New savings and deductions will help as soon as this year.

- OBBB keeps **\$2,400** in the pockets of the average Nebraska family.
- Families are supported with the improved child tax credit, providing a \$2,200 tax deduction for each child.
- We are saving families money with the child and dependent care tax credit, increasing the maximum credit rate from 35% to 50%.
- We also enhanced the dependent care assistance program, which excludes up to \$7,500 of dependent care assistance expenses from income each year. This is up from the previous limit of \$5,000.
- Businesses are also incentivized to invest in childcare for their workers.
- The employer-provided childcare credit was expanded from \$150,000 to \$500,000.
- O A new **\$600,000** childcare credit was created for small businesses.

#### The One Big Beautiful Bill is putting Nebraska workers first with no tax on tips and overtime.

- No tax on overtime, up to \$12,500.
- · No tax on tips, up to \$25,000 per year.
- An extra **938,000** jobs over the next decade.
- · Average Nebraska take-home pay will increase by up to \$9,050 in next 4 years.

I was flying from Nebraska when a TSA officer stopped me to thank me for no tax on overtime pay. He even asked if we could make it permanent. But the tax savings on overtime isn't just for the TSA. It's for nurses, factory workers, police officers, and servers. It's for all of the jobs that keep Nebraska and this country safe and running. This tax cut is for all jobs that sometimes require workers to give a littlemore and work a little harder. We are rewarding their sacrifice."

The One Big Beautiful Bill provides funding to make healthcare more effective and efficient, while supporting our rural hospitals.

- \$50 billion for medical care in rural communities through the Rural Healthcare Fund over the next five years.
- 50% of the Fund is distributed equally among all states. **\$100 million is guaranteed for Nebraska each year.**
- Other funds will be allocated by the CMS Administrator, considering factors such as rural admission rates, Medicaid share, and financial distress.
- These funds will help improve access to hospitals and other health care providers for rural Nebraskans.
- They will encourage adoption of new and emerging tech to emphasize prevention and chronic disease management, prioritizing data and tech-driven solutions to health problems.
- Feedback from constituents helped seal the passage of this provision.

The One Big Beautiful Bill provides funding to make healthcare more effective and efficient, especially for Medicaid. We're preserving and strengthening Medicaid for those it was meant to serve: kids, elderly, and the disabled.

- Provisions ensure dead people do not remain enrolled in Medicaid.
- · People will be prohibited from enrolling in multiple states at the same time.
- · It's not fair to let people double dip.
- Medicaid will require able-bodied Americans without young kids at home to work, volunteer, or study for twenty hours a week in order to receive low-cost, government-subsidized insurance.
- Medicaid spending rises by over \$750 billion relative to 2025.

From its creation in 1935, Social Security has been the backbone of most Americans' retirement plans. The One Big Beautiful Bill restores this.

- Until 1983, Social Security benefits were untaxed, recognizing that workers already paid into Social Security via the payroll tax each pay period.
- · When I was governor, I signed into a law an elimination of state taxes on Social Security.
- OBBB includes a new \$6,000 tax deduction for each American aged 65 and older. It takes this proven Nebraska solution and makes tax relief available for all American seniors.

### IS A WIN FOR AGRICULTURE

#### When Farmers and Ranchers Thrive...

Family farms, ranches, and agri-businesses are the backbone of communities across Nebraska. The One Big Beautiful Bill helps producers today and lays the foundation for strong agricultural growth tomorrow.

The One Big Beautiful Bill raised and made permanent the Death Tax exemption. The exemption is indexed to inflation, so even decades from now farmers and ranchers' hard work can be passed on to the next generation. Thanks to OBBB, over \$200 billion of hard-earned assets from farmers and ranchers will be passed on to family instead of the federal government.

**80%** 

of Nebraska farms are family owned.

\$200 billion

in hard-earned assets saved nationwide.

50%

Fewer families affected by

Death Tax

The One Big Beautiful Bill supports domestic biofuel production by returning profits from **45Z clean fuel production credits** to Nebraska and American agricultural producers. Biofuels are a win-win-win for consumers, the environment, and farmers and ranchers.

Last time I filled up at Hy-Vee, I saved 55 cents per gallon with E10 as compared to regular 89 octane."

- Ethanol blends reduce pollutants like carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and particulates.
- Nebraska is second in the nation for ethanol production, with our 25 ethanol plants and 1,300 local Nebraska jobs.
- This biofuel economy adds \$6 billion to the state each year.

The ability to export is important to Nebraska's agriculture economy. The One Big Beautiful Bill strengthens agricultural exports by providing \$285 million annually to a trade promotion program that will maintain and expand commercial export markets. It doubles funding for the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development program. That means more demand for Nebraska beef, corn, and soybeans abroad.

### ...So does the entire Nebraska economy.

- OBBB delivers long-term funding for animal health programs and research centers like the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center.
- OBBB gives producers needed updates to the farm safety net. Reference prices now reflect today's markets.
- OBBB extended the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Benefit from five to ten years. That gives new producers access to critical risk management tools.
- OBBB improved drought aid under the Livestock Forage Program.
- OBBB supports educational access for farming and ranching families by excluding agricultural assets from student financial aid calculations.
- OBBB expands Pell Grant eligibility to short-term job training for young Nebraskans. That includes hands-on fields like welding, diesel tech, and irrigation systems.
- Now, a young Nebraskan in Scottsbluff can learn a trade and start working at places like Aulick Industries without piling up debt.

### IS A WIN FOR SECURITY

### Lasting Safety Depends on Lasting Security

Nebraska families deserve a federal government that secures our border and enforces the law. That's why we passed historic investment in border security.

President Biden's open border policy was a catastrophe. Under Biden, there were **10.5 million** illegal border crossing encounters. Every state was a border state. We have lost young lives like Nebraskan Taryn Lee Griffith to fentanyl and Sarah Root to a criminal illegal alien in Omaha. We are still seeing the effects of the Biden Border Crisis in Nebraska. This summer, authorities arrested two members of the violent MS-13 gang in Omaha. OBBB gives law enforcement the tools to fight back and protect our communities while restoring the rule of law.

- OBBB includes \$46.5 billion to complete the border wall system, including roads, fiber, sensors, and cameras.
- OBBB includes funding to hire **16,000** new immigration and customs agents and **\$6.1 billion** goes to new surveillance tools for the Border Patrol.
- OBBB allocated **\$45 billion** for immigration detention centers, estimated to expand capacity by at least **116,000** beds.
- Over **\$3** billion is allocated to the Justice Department to help process cases and hire more immigration judges. Reversing a backlog of nearly four million immigration cases.

Communist China is the greatest threat to the American way of life and Nebraska's prosperity. The One Big Beautiful Bill provides an over \$150 billion investment we need to deter China and demonstrate peace through strength."

#### The OBBB:

- Makes it clear to Communist China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea that we will meet any threats with force and resolve.
- Includes \$25 billion for the Golden Dome, a layered missile defense shield that will protect Americans from evolving threats.
- Strengthens the Defense Production Act, so our military supply chains remain resilient and ready for any challenge.
- · Provides for weapons, training, and equipment to deter China.
- Provides \$29 billion for shipbuilding and expanding the maritime industrial base, that includes funds for a Virginia-class submarine, two destroyers, new oilers, and unmanned surface vehicles.
- Bolsters our Coast Guard, supporting their work to counter drug and human trafficking as well as deter adversaries in the Arctic with funding for 17 new icebreakers, 21 new cutters, and more than 40 helicopters and 6 new planes.
- Development of the B-21 bomber fleet, expansion of munitions production, and battlefield applications of artificial intelligence.

Nebraska's airmen, missile programs, and military bases help defend our country every day—we understand peace through strength. For Nebraska, the bill brings real investment.

- OBBB includes \$2.5 billion for risk reduction activities tied to the Sentinel ICBM program. This system will be partly based in Western Nebraska.
- OBBB also directs \$168 million to accelerate production of the Survivable Airborne Operations Center, also known as SAOC, at Offutt Air Force Base.
- These investments will mean more jobs, more innovation, and a stronger defense posture right here in Nebraska.

This is good news for America's readiness. It's bad news for America's adversaries."

# The One Big Beautiful Bill unleashes America's power to fuel the world.

OBBB calls for expanded oil and gas leases while streamlining the permitting process for extraction.

- It requires **30** offshore leases in the Gulf of America and **6** in the Cook Inlet of Alaska.
- 4 leases in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Reserve and quarterly lease sales in oil-rich Western states will be required to be offered to the public.
- Allows for companies to expedite the permitting process, automatically approves permits when no objections are raised, and prevents frivolous litigation.

OBBB invests in America's energy strength as a powerful tool on the world stage.

- · American energy leadership is key to countering Communist China.
- · Our allies in the region are also reliant on seaborne energy imports. Many of them import Nebraska ethanol
- · We need more American energy exports to reduce their vulnerabilities.
- OBBB invests **\$285 million** in increasing exports like ethanol.

OBBB repeals **\$191 billion** of EV tax credits that skewed the tax code.

- That includes credits for new, used, and commercial electric vehicles.
- Towns like Bloomfield, Alliance, or Valentine, are 45 minutes from the nearest charging station.
- When temperatures fall below 20 degrees, EVs lose 40% of their charge.
- EV mandates ignored rural realities. This repeal restores common sense and puts Nebraska taxpayers back in charge of their own energy decisions.

### IS A WIN FOR THE ECONOMY

The One Big Beautiful Bill encourages businesses to invest in their workforce and themselves. We are supporting small business in our state and unlocking innovation. This will help businesses invest and create jobs."

- OBBB permanently raises the death tax exemption, allowing ranches, farms, and small businesses to stay in the family.
- OBBB expands employer-provided childcare tax credits and offers enhanced low-income housing development tax credits.
- · OBBB permanently extends the tax credit for paid medical family leave.
- OBBB prevents a 20% tax increase on small business.
- OBBB permanently extends the immediate deduction of research and development costs.
- OBBB allows business owners to fully expense heavy machinery and equipment while increasing the dollar limits of expensing for business assets.
- OBBB encourages investment in business and workers so America stays the leading innovator. This creates jobs and makes Nebraska companies more competitive on the global stage.

### PROVEN NEBRASKA SOLUTIONS

### READY FOR AMERICA

#### **CONTROLLING SPENDING, PROVIDING TAX RELIEF**

When I was Governor, I worked with the Legislature to balance our budget every year. We controlled our spending and passed our budgets on schedule. We lived within our means.

That enabled us to deliver \$12.7 billion in tax relief to Nebraska families.

#### DELIVERING \$12.7 BILLION IN TOTAL TAX RELIEF

\$10+ Billion in Direct Property Tax Relief
Eliminated State Tax on Veterans' Retirement Income
Eliminated State Tax on Social Security Benefits
Cut Income Tax on Families and Businesses



## IMPROVING CUSTOMER SERVICE

We also improved the level of services to Nebraskans. We utilized a process improvement methodology called **Lean Six Sigma** to reduce the amount of time people spent filling out forms, standing in line, or waiting on hold. It saved taxpayer dollars.

In Nebraska, we showed it's possible to control spending, balance the budget, and deliver significant tax relief while still improving services. I'm fighting to make sure D.C. does the same.

I'm taking the things that worked well in Nebraska when I was Governor to Washington, D.C.

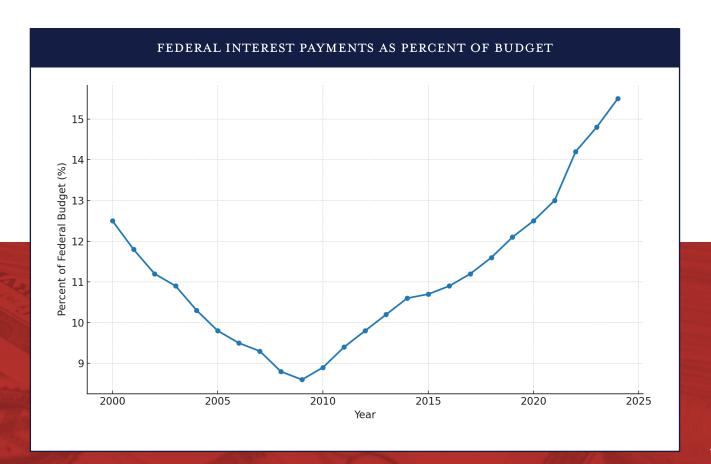
I introduced the bipartisan **Tax Cuts for Veterans Act** with Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) to make military retirement tax free at the federal level – like we did in Nebraska.

I introduced the **Social Security Check Tax Cut Act** to begin the process of making Social Security benefits tax free at the federal – like we did in Nebraska.

I introduced the bipartisan **SNAP Next Step Act** with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) to enable workers on SNAP to access the same resources that helped Nebraska families get off welfare and into the workforce with new and better-paying jobs – all without spending any additional taxpayer money.

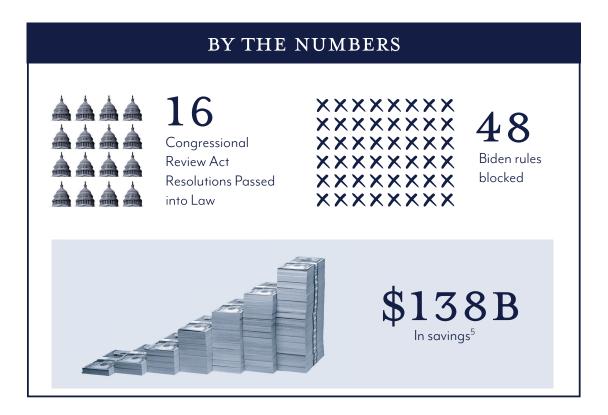
I'm working with Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) on the bipartisan **Flex Fuel Fairness Act** to support Nebraska biofuels and ensure consumers maintain choice in what vehicle they want to purchase.

And I introduced the bipartisan **Improper Payments Transparency Act** with Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) to require more transparent and more accurate data about the scope of improper payments.



### **Rolling Back Bad Policies**

**BIDEN'S RECORD OF FAILURE** 



- Over **5,000** new regulations.
- 100,000 pages of new rules in 2024 alone the most pages of new rules in history.
- Stacked on top of one another, the 2024 new rules stand as tall as a three-story building.

#### THE COST OF BIDEN'S OVERREGULATION

20% Increase in Consumer Prices.

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- \$3,300 in extra costs per year for families until the Biden regulations were reversed.
- \$1.7 trillion in cumulative costs on our economy.
- **300 million** man-hours of new compliance costs for businesses and consumers.
- Overregulation now accounts for nearly 25% of the cost of a single-family home and 40% of the cost of a new apartment development.

Biden's unnecessary overregulation made it harder and more expensive to build. It stifled growth and made achieving the American dream more difficult. Under Republican leadership, we're cutting red tape and restoring common-sense.

The Congressional Review Act allows Congress to strike down federal regulations with a simple majority vote. If passed by Congress and signed into law by the president, the rule is blocked. In addition, the agency that issued the rule cannot issue a substantially similar rule in the future.

#### **CASE STUDY:**

#### **RICKETTS CONSUMER PAYMENT CRA SIGNED INTO LAW**

Following their election loss, the Biden Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) rushed an eleventh-hour rule. The rule stretched the CFPB's powers in an attack against widely popular digital consumer payment applications. Left unchecked, the rule would stifle innovation and lead to fewer services and increased costs.

Working with Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE-01), we led a CRA resolution to overturn the CFPB's overreach. President Trump signed it into law. Now, it will be easier for consumers to send and receive money among family and friends.

By cutting red tape, we're helping President Trump deliver on his campaign promises. We're supporting consumers, job-creators, and innovation.

November 21, 2024 – CFPB Published 11th Hour Rule

> February 27, 2025 – Ricketts/Flood Introduce CRA

March 5. 2025 -Senate Passes Ricketts/Flood CRA

> April 9, 2025 – House Passes Ricketts/Flood CRA

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May 9, 2025 -

President Trump Signs Ricketts/Flood CRA Into Law<sup>6</sup>

5 https://www.americanactionforum.org/cra-tracker.

6 https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/28?s=4&r=1

### **Cutting Bad Spending**

As a member of the Senate DOGE Caucus, I am working to control our spending by passing budgets and spending cuts. America can live within our means while improving our services to make them sustainable into the future.

By passing the first Rescissions package, we reduced the deficit by \$9 billion.

- These cuts include **\$8 billion** of foreign aid spending that was wasteful or worked against America's interests.
- We look forward to more rescissions from the White House. My colleagues and I will continue to carefully review cuts to Biden-era waste, fraud, and abuse.

It's refreshing to have a President who wants to identify wasteful, fraudulent, and abusive federal spending. Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have done great work bringing this spending to light. The rescissions package is a good first step, but there is more work to be done. I'm committed to ensuring Nebraskans' tax dollars are spent responsibly.

When I was Governor we controlled spending. We held states budgets to an average of 2.8% annual growth over eight years. We improved the level of services to Nebraskans while saving taxpayer dollars. We need to bring both business sense and common sense to cut red tape and streamline the federal bureaucracy.

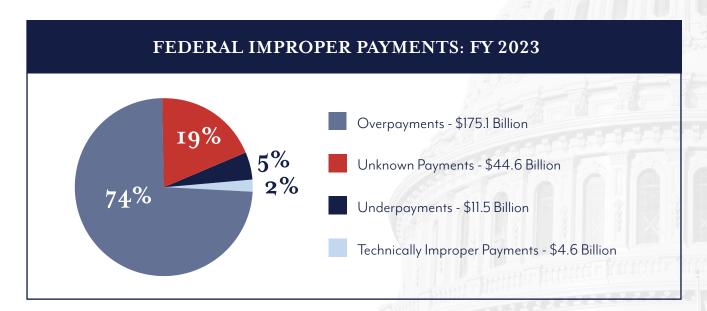
### Making Government Work

I'm fighting to combat overregulation. I introduced the **Business Opportunity Protection (BOP) Act.** This legislation would repeal unnecessary Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) authorities that have gone unused for more than 15 years. My legislation will prevent activist regulators from weaponizing these powers in the future to advance aggressive and sweeping ideological mandates on investors and businesses. It will restore balance, accountability, and certainty to the SEC.

I'm leading the charge to bring oversight to rein-in unelected bureaucrats. The Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Health Advisors provides analysis of health-related bills in Congress. This group of unelected bureaucrats is not bipartisan, is not regionally balanced, and holds private meetings. I introduced the **Healthy Equipping and Lending Technical Help (HEALTH) Panel Act** to increase transparency and oversight. My bill will also develop the CBO scoring process so that it accurately represents the healthcare interests of all Americans when evaluating legislation—especially for rural Americans.

I'm working to secure the way the federal government purchases things. Federal procurement processes should be efficient, but they shouldn't risk our national security. I introduced the **Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act** with Senator Andy Kim (D-NY). Our bipartisan bill will review current processes and make necessary suggestions to keep Americans safe from threats like Communist China.

I'm also pushing to eliminate improper federal payments. The Government Accountability Office estimates that the federal government has made \$2.7 trillion in improper payments since 2003. In Fiscal Year 2023, an estimated \$236 billion of improper payments were made. But that's only an estimate, since not every agency is required to report them. I introduced the Improper Payments Transparency Act with Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) to fix that. Our bipartisan bill will require more accurate reporting of the scope of improper payments so we can combat wasteful spending and save taxpayer dollars.



### Securing America's Farmland from Communist China

Agriculture is the heart and soul of Nebraska and of America. American farmland should remain in the hands of American farmers and ranchers, not foreign adversaries like Communist China. According to USDA, foreign investors own over 40 million acres of agricultural land across the United States. Chinese nationals own nearly 300,000 acres. Particularly concerning is the rate at which Chinese interests have purchased land surrounding U.S. military bases.



This includes Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota and Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

I introduced the **AFIDA Improvements Act** with Senator John Fetterman (D-PA). Our bipartisan bill will equip the U.S. Department of Agriculture to combat foreign adversaries' ownership of American agricultural land. Right now, their process is ill-equipped to detect or challenge nefarious farmland acquisitions by adversaries like Communist China. Among other changes, our bill will require reporting for foreigners who own more than a one percent interest in American agricultural land.

Communist China will do whatever it takes to gain advantages that risk our security. This includes the flying of surveillance balloons, groups of Chinese nationals trying to gate crash bases, and other instances of purported "tourists" using drones next to bases. Whether used for surveillance, sabotage, or something else, we cannot allow Communist land and asset acquisition to continue.



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### Securing Our Border

Joe Biden's open border policies created a national security, humanitarian, and drug catastrophe. His administration allowed in record numbers of suspected terrorists, illegal aliens, and record amounts of deadly drugs like fentanyl. Nebraskans paid the price.

When I was Governor in 2019, Nebraska law enforcement seized only 46 fentanyl pills. Under Joe Biden, that number surged to more than 151,000 pills in just the first six months of 2022. Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45. My Republican colleagues and I are working with President Trump to secure the border and deport criminal illegals who wish to cause harm on Americans.

#### Border Under Biden

Over 10.5 million illegal encounters

**76,000 pounds of fentanyl** crossing into America

Over 250 people on the FBI's terrorist watch list crossing into America

### Border Under Trump

Apprehensions down 94%

Catch-and-release ended

Laken Riley Act signed into law

"Remain in Mexico" policy re-established

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The American people voted to close Joe Biden's open borders and restore order. I am working alongside the Trump administration to ensure we improve border security and make America safer."

#### Constituent Services

I'm proud of our work to cut red tape and deliver wins for Nebraskans. As your Senator, my team and I have helped nearly 1,800 Nebraskans access federal services. We've also helped constituents save or recover over \$6 million from the federal government.

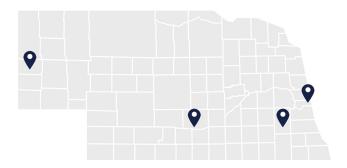
CONSTITUENT SERVICES					
\$6,476,502	Returned to Nebraskans				
1,789	Constituent cases solved				
269	Letters of recognition to outstanding Nebraskans				
213	Veterans assisted				
132	Social Security cases solved				

Constituent service is customer service and serving Nebraska is my top priority.

Government should provide high-quality customer service to all its citizens. When it doesn't, my team works to get results for Nebraskans. If you are having issues navigating the federal bureaucracy, we are ready to assist you.

#### Contact Us

My team and I are here to serve you. Contact us anytime by phone at 202-224-4224. You can also reach out through my website at www.ricketts.senate.gov/contact.



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