



March 2, 2017

Senator Jim Smith
Nebraska Legislature Revenue Committee
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Smith:

RE: Opposition to LB 326

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) submits this letter in opposition to LB 326. For many years, property tax relief has been our top of priority, and reducing the over-reliance on property taxes for funding education is a mechanism to achieve that goal. We must control local spending.

NeCGA strongly supports high-quality education for our youth. But Nebraska's system of funding government services, burdens property owners with 48% of the taxes collected while income taxes provide 33% and sales taxes provide 19%.

To provide property tax relief, we cannot allow local government, including school boards, to implement measures that further increase taxes on property owners. In other words, local entities must maintain budgets within their current limits.

We encourage the Revenue Committee to oppose LB 326 as it will increase property taxes on residential and agriculture landowners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dan Wesley'.

Dan Wesley
President