



March 9, 2017

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

Dear Honorable Smith:

RE: Support LB 570

Dear Chairman Smith:

Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA), as an organization and as members of the Nebraska Ag Leaders Working Group, has strongly stated our position that Nebraska's tax system must be reformed to correct the imbalance and overreliance on property taxes.

Nebraska's current system of funding government services, burdens property owners with 48% of the taxes collected, while income taxes provide 33% and sales taxes provide 19%. This imbalance is unsustainable and unacceptable to our members.

We believe that reform measures, like those contained in LB 570, must be accompanied by provisions to assure that property tax relief is actually realized. This bill's bold initiative would certainly be a significant component in a resolution to solve Nebraska's property tax crisis.

NeCGA members support the personal property tax reform contained in LB 570 and request that the Committee incorporate LB 570 in a comprehensive bill to reform Nebraska's property tax system.

Sincerely,

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

Dan Wesley
President