

As a good friend and supporter, there is some news I want you to be the first to hear about.

I am announcing this evening that I am resigning my seat in the Nebraska Legislature on June 30. On July 1, I will begin serving as the chief of staff to Congressman Brad Ashford in Washington, DC.

It has been an honor representing the people of downtown and South Omaha in the Nebraska Legislature for the past seven years. The Unicameral is a truly unique institution that facilitates thoughtful discussion and debate about critical issues facing our state. I feel blessed to have been a part of it.

I am so proud that working together we accomplished:

- Raising the minimum wage to \$9 per hour;
- Allowing Dreamers to get a driver's licenses;
- Increasing funds for early childhood education and higher education;
- Increasing funds for public transportation;
- Reforming state defined-benefit pension plans;
- Incentivizing the preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties;
- Promoting utilization of natural gas as a transportation fuel;
- Expanding telehealth services in rural communities;
- Enhancing health care cost transparency for consumers;
- Establishing school-based health centers;
- Ensuring cancer patients have access to oral chemotherapy treatment; and
- Restricting access to tanning beds for teenagers.

These accomplishments will strengthen Nebraska for generations to come and I'm very thankful to all of the great people that have helped me accomplish them.

Now, I am excited for the opportunity to help Congressman Ashford continue his bipartisan work on behalf of the families and businesses of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Congressman Ashford is committed to breaking the gridlock in Washington and I will do everything I can to assist him in that effort. I hope you will follow Congressman Ashford's work at <a href="mailto:ashford-house.gov">ashford-house.gov</a> and <a href="mailto:ashford-house.gov">@RepBradAshford</a> on Twitter.

Our work together is not ending; it begins anew.

Thank you!

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