# **Letter Points – March 2025**

<u>Letters & cards to</u>: <u>Issues</u>:

\* President Donald Trump Defunding Planned Parenthood, Sanctity of Life

Border security

\* Vice-President J.D. Vance Defunding NPR, PBS, USAID

Anti-Semitism...DEI...Religious Freedom

Education

\* Cabinet members: Voter Fraud...Government Waste...IRS

Secretary of State -- Marco Rubio

Secretary of Defense -- Pete Hegseth

Attorney General -- Pam Bondi

Secretary of HHS -- Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Director of National Intelligence Agency -- Tulsi Gabbard

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency -- John Ratcliffe

Elon Musk -- Director, Department of Government Efficiency

Director of the FBI Kash Patel

\* Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen

Issues Above

\* Nebraska Senator

Co-sponsorships

\* Nebraska Senator

Born Alive Act

- \* Nebraska 2nd District Congressman Don Bacon
- \* Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers
- \* Nebraska Unicameral Members (See reverse side for issues.)
- \* Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- \* Wheaton
- \* Christianity Today
- \* Target, Costco, WalMart, et al
- \* Samaritan's Purse
- \* Tim Tebow Foundation
- \* Nebraska Family Alliance
- \* Nebraska Right to Life
- \* Assure & EPS
- \* And more...

<sup>\*</sup> U.S. Supreme Court

# **Unicameral Letter Points -- March 2025**

- \* LB 669: Informed Consent & Screening for Coercion and Trafficking LB 669, introduced by Senator Storer, strengthens Nebraska's informed consent laws to protect women and offer assistance and resources.
- \* Senator Christy Armendariz's LB557 and Senator Ben Hansen's LB633 both address the state's public school option enrollment program, which allows students to apply for acceptance to a different public school district. Each bill would provide students a non-public school scholarship, if they are denied "option enrollment" by a public school. Senator Bob Andersen's LB427 would provide students in approved or accredited non-public schools a \$1500 education savings account (ESA), which could be used for tuition or other eligible educational expenses.
- \* The Education Committee recently held a hearing on LB213. Introduced by Senator Rick Holdcroft, this legislation would require the State Board of Education to add human embryology to statewide science standards and integrate lessons on fetal development and the Carnegie Stages of Human Embryonic Development into science classes by 2026.
- \* Another bill on the move, LB709 was advanced out of the Revenue Committee with unanimous support (8-0). Introduced by Senator Eliot Bostar, this bill would create a refundable state income tax credit equal to 10% of the federal adoption tax credit, helping to ease the financial burden of adoption. LB709 is now eligible for debate and a vote by the full Legislature.
- \* Nebraska lawmakers advanced LB504 to second round (Select File) of legislative debate. Introduced by Senator Carolyn Bosn at the request of Governor Jim Pillen, the bill would require online platforms to limit harmful content, provide parental controls, and restrict data collection on minors.
- \* Should doctors be forced to violate their beliefs or leave medicine altogether? A growing push treats healthcare professionals like vending machines, expected to dispense any service or medication on demand. Introduced by Senator Dave Murman, LB655 would protect health care professionals from being forced into health care services that violate their conscience.

## Dear Mr. Prime Minister Meloni,

A group of Christian friends gets together every quarter for a letter-writing party. Yes, we have conversation and refreshments together. But it is a party with a serious purpose; namely, to write (as relevant) letters of advocacy, encouragement, principled protest, or gratitude. Our letters and cards probably deal more with sanctity of life issues more than any other; nevertheless, we care about many other things -- religious freedom, family, the protection of conscience and Judeo-Christian values in culture (including free speech), law and justice, and so on.

But in our conversation today we spoke of international leaders who, with great courage and faith, are standing against the tide of statism and irrational progressivism...and are doing so with great skill and winsomeness. And with you being one of those champions of freedom and what used to be known as "common sense," we wanted to write and thank you. Thank you for your leadership, your personal example, your friendship and cooperation with President Trump, and your diligent work in behalf of your country's bright future.

May God bless you, your family, your like-minded associates, and the nation of Italy. Before we leave our letter-writing party today, we will include you in our prayers...even as we promise to do so in the future.

Denny & Claire Hartford Omaha, Nebraska USA

P.S. We are also making this an "open letter" as an encouragement for others to better appreciate your noble service as well as to add their prayers to ours.

# President Trump,

Thank you for what you are doing for our country in regard to our border, cutting spending, religious liberty, working for peace with Ukraine and Russia, supporting Israel, and promoting the sanctity of life. I pray for you to grow in your relationship with God, for your safety, for your success in leading the country. I believe God has protected you for a reason. Look to him! May the Lord bless you and keep you. (HG)

## Governor Pillen,

Just another quick word of thanks for your principled, enthusiastic, and effective leadership of the pro-life cause here in Nebraska. Also your defense of religious freedom and gender sanity and economic growth is of tremendous effect as well. And hearing you rise up and thank President Trump at that Governor's gathering a couple of weeks ago was terrific! Stay the course. (D&CH)

## Dear State Senator DeBoer,

I'm writing in support of LB 655 which would protect health care professionals from being forced to perform services that violate their consciences...Forcing anyone to act in a manner inconsistent with strongly held beliefs is demeaning to that person and foreshadows a totalitarian state. Thank you for your consideration and support of LB655. (TK)

#### Vice-President Vance,

Congratulations on your attaining the high vocation of U.S. Vice-President. I have every confidence that you will do a fine job to help the people of our country, especially with your principles learned from your past experiences. I feel confident that you will continue to place your faith in God. As you do so, much will be accomplished. I especially appreciate your firm pro-life stand, recognizing the sanctity of all human life from womb to tomb. May I now mention a few items of serious concern to me as I ask for your influence and example to impact these things? Defunding Planned Parenthood, NPR, PBS, and USAID; promoting fairness and non-discrimination; preventing voter fraud and government waste, and promoting adoption. God bless you and your work, Mr. Vice-President and I will be praying for you. I believe you are the right man. (JK)

Mr. Jelinek,

Good grief! What is Costco doing in refusing to change their racist DEI policy? It has been proven over and over that DEI policies are unfair, counter-productive, and demeaning to those that they "aim" to serve. As a Costco member (for a little while – let's see how quickly you come around to following federal policies), I urge you to please turn DEI off ASAP. You do a lot of things right...but not this one! (CH)

## Secretary Kennedy,

Congratulations on your confirmation. We look forward to policies that will help ensure better health for our nation's population. But could I now be so bold as to suggest a couple of specific items? 1) Defund Planned Parenthood. Their primary business is promoting abortion. I object to my tax dollars being used for this despicable purpose. 2) The abortion drug RU-486 should be banned (but at the very least, it should not be able to be "prescribed" over the phone). These drugs are not safe for the women and, of course, they are deadly to a preborn child. Thank you for your consideration. (JM)

Dear Mr. Musk,

Just a quick word of thanks for the powerful and persuasive case you are making that fiscal responsibility by the U.S. government IS possible -- but only IF we get deadly serious about eliminating the waste, the criminal fraud, and the ideologically inspired theft of taxpayer dollars. Please keep cutting! (DH)

Sandy and the Nebraska Right to Life team,

You guys are doing such a noble and critical work -- and you're doing it with integrity, skill, compassion, and diligence. We are continually impressed and grateful. Keep looking up for God is our strength and our reward. Stay the course. (D&CH)

Dear Defense Secretary Hegseth,

Congratulations on your appointment to this important position in President Donald Trump's new administration. I have enjoyed watching you and the progress of your work on Newsmax. I am thanking the Lord for your hard work, long hours, and your courage to tackle it all. Proverbs 4:7 -- "The beginning of wisdom is to acquire wisdom and with all your possessions, acquire understanding." (DP)

## Dear Senator,

I'm writing to ask you to support LB 669 to strengthen Nebraska's informed consent laws to protect women and girls. I would also ask you to support LB 557 and support LB427 -- both bills would expand education options for children and their families. I would add a request that you support L213 which would regulate require human embryology to be taught as part of the state's basic science curriculum. Finally, I would ask that you support LB 655 to protect medical professionals' conscience concerns. Thank you for your service. Many regards. (JM)

To the group once proudly and fondly known as the Boy Scouts,

Poor Sir Baden-Powell would be turning in his grave to know how the Boy Scouts have become so embarrassed by Judeo-Christian moral standards and the noble ideals of principled, chivalric masculinity that they changed their name, changed their very purposes, invited girls into the boy's clubhouse, and even went so far down as to introduce young, impressionable boys to the influence homosexual "scout leaders." How terribly, terribly tragic. (DH)

# President Trump,

Thank you for your stand on the sanctity of human life and all the other things you are doing for our country. I know you take a beating but you are a strong man to take all that flak from people who hate all that our country stands for. May God bless you. My husband and I pray frequently for your safety and well-being. Continue in life and good works. (CM)

# Dear Christianity Today,

I chose this card because it reminded me of the high cliff your publication has already fallen from! Indeed, your compromise with the sadly-misnamed progressive culture has not only cost you your self-respect, your influence, and your eternal rewards. It has also cost you the lion's share of your readership. Your numbers continue to drop and it's now discovered that you're only getting by with government money! From what I read the most recent numbers suggest that about 19% of CT's income came through U.S. taxpayer money funneled through the now-infamous USAID. Good grief. Like so many on the left, you're only speaking

now to your own dwindling group. And yet you continue to pay exorbitant salaries to your execs. Good grief. Be sure that I will be spreading the word. (DH)

## Nebraska State Senator Arch,

Thank you for being our senator. There are several bills coming up that I hope you will support. LB 669 -- informed consent and screening for human trafficking. LB 633 -- school choice and education. LB 213 -- teaching human development as part of the science curriculum. LB 709 -- making adoption more affordable. LB 5O4 -- dealing with online platforms in a way that would limit harmful content and provide parental controls. And finally, LB 655 -- protecting healthcare providers from being forced to go against their conscience beliefs. Again, thank you for serving. I would like to hear how you plan to vote on these matters. (HG)

#### Dear Senator Ricketts,

Congratulations on your reelection. It is heartening to have such a strong supporter of life in the U.S. Senate representing the state of Nebraska. Thank you so much. I would like to ask you to advocate and support all efforts to defund Planned Parenthood and to support all efforts to ban (at the very least limit the damages being caused to preborn babies and their moms) abortifacient drugs like RU-486. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (JM)

# Congressman Bacon,

We have certainly been disappointed in recent weeks with your knee-jerk criticism of President Trump's critical (and decades overdue) efforts to shine a light on and put a stop to the massive waste, criminal fraud, and ideologically-motivated theft of American taxpayer dollars taking place inside the deep state bureaucracy. Instead, Congressman Bacon, we would like to see you being more courageous and diligent in championing key conservative issues instead allowing the unacceptable status quo to continue. (DH)