

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:**  
**STOP THE NSEA MONOPOLY ACCESS TO TEACHERS.**

**BACKGROUND.** Currently, there exists an incestuous relationship between the leftist Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) teachers' union and NE school districts. Under this monopolistic relationship, the NSEA gains access to public school teachers and staff through school mailboxes and school meetings. No other teacher organization allowed such privilege. The intent, naturally, is to persuade teachers to join this leftist union.

**THE BILL.** **LB 1091**, sponsored by conservative State Sen. Dave Murman and co-sponsored by 22 other senators, would require a school board that grants access by the NSEA to school employee mailboxes or meetings to also grant this access to other teacher professional organizations that request access. If the NSEA can attend a school employee meeting or event, including new teacher orientation meetings, in an effort to recruit new members, other professional employee organizations that request permission to attend such meeting must have permission to participate. If the NSEA wins permission to create and post signs or leave materials in a school, like on a bulletin board or with a pamphlet, other professional employee groups that request permission to do

likewise must win permission. Thus, these other groups could discuss or meet with teachers about terms of employment, professional development, and liability protection. The bill assigned to the Education Committee for a public hearing.

**OPPOSITION.** We can expect strong opposition from the leftist NSEA, which will lobby hard to retain its monopoly on school access. This union continually recruits teachers, especially new teachers, with the promise of lavish benefits, but it actually recruits aggressively to build its financial war chest to elect leftwing politicians in NE at every level and mobilize its members to lobby for legislation that soaks taxpayers for inflated salaries and benefits. Groups allied with the NSEA also will object strenuously.

**SUPPORT.** Endorsing this legislation is the Association of American Educators (AAE), a national professional educator association, the fastest-growing teachers association. Its stated mission is to advance the profession through personal growth, professional development, and teacher advocacy and protection. AAE also seeks to "promote excellence in education so that [teachers] receive the respect, recognition and reward they deserve." AAE is officially nonpartisan, unlike the NSEA, and not a union or lobbying organization. Solely funded by dues from thousands of members located in all 50 states and D.C. and by contributions to the AAE Foundation, AAE leads a total of almost 300,000 teachers across the country who have enthusiastically joined. Teachers who object to paying dues to the leftist NSEA, which uses their dues money to support leftist politicians and candidates, want and deserve the opportunity to join an alternative. Taxpaying citizens and parents who resent NSEA teachers indoctrinating our youth and monopolizing public education with efforts to prohibit private and parochial school scholarships and other alternatives support **LB 1091**.

**TAKE ACTION NOW.** Past time to allow our professional educators to have a choice in professional organization membership. They deserve an opportunity to educate our youth for the future and proudly serve their profession without suffering the pressure to join a leftist union that cares more about salaries, benefits, and leftist governance than offering a comprehensive basic education to our children. Using the information above, lobby your state senator to advance **LB 1091** to passage. Email [netaxpayers@gmail.com](mailto:netaxpayers@gmail.com) for state senator contact information and to join our NTF *Education Watch Project*.

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