

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:**  
**TAXPAYERS MUST SUPPORT THE CORNHUSKER CLINK.**

**BACKGROUND.** “Thanks to Governor Pillen for his partnership to help remove the worst of the worst out of our country. If you are in America illegally, you could find yourself in Nebraska’s Cornhusker Clink,” Homeland Security Sec. Kristi Noem said. Gov. Jim Pillen, assisting the Trump Administration, agreed to a partnership with the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) for NE to use the Dept. of Corrections Work Ethic Camp at McCook to provide detention space of up to 300 beds for criminal illegal aliens arrested by Immigration & Customs



Enforcement (ICE) agents. Pillen said he was proud to be a part of the Trump Team in an effort to make our communities safe again. This facility now nicknamed the Cornhusker Clink. This partnership made possible by funding from the Trump Big Beautiful Bill, which provided sufficient funds to find 80,000 new beds for ICE to utilize when detaining and deporting the worst of criminal illegals. About \$45 billion in the law now earmarked to build, rent, and staff new centers to detain illegal aliens. Additionally, the NE State Patrol signed a 287 (g) agreement empowering our State Troopers to help ICE take criminal illegal aliens off our streets. This pledge means the state troopers agree to hold and notify federal immigration agents after they encounter an illegal

alien and detain them until taken into custody. Also, Gov. Pillen ordered the NE National Guard to provide administrative and logistical support to NE-based ICE officials to enforce immigration laws in Omaha, Grand Island, and North Platte. Approximately 20 soldiers will participate in this mission. Troopers will perform DNA swabs, fingerprint detainees, and conduct similar work, all administrative support for ICE.

**UNDERREPORTED SUPPORT.** Our NE Taxpayers for Freedom group, the state GOP, the NE congressional delegation, and, most importantly, families of those victimized by illegal aliens support these needed measures. Many state Republican lawmakers, like Sens. Lippincott and Riepe, expressed support, emphasizing their commitment to a safer America and aligning with Trump Administration immigration policies. “I think that it’ll impact the city in a good way,” said Deputy Sheriff Kobe Hyland of the Red Willow County Sheriff’s Office, which includes McCook. “I think it will bring a good impact on the business parts, whereby it will influence a movement of people in this town,” Satya Narayan, a McCook hotel owner said, “There will be facilitators who will be working here. It will bring in more workers into town. Secondly, it will also bring in more business. It will bring in people who are construction workers who will come and help, and then the family visiting the facilities.” Unfortunately, our liberal media totally ignore or underreport this support to make it seem like these initiatives are unpopular.

**USUAL OPPONENTS.** The usual suspects oppose the Cornhusker Clink and the other initiatives to help deport criminal illegal aliens. 13 leftwing state senators demanded that State Sen. Carolyn Bosn, the chairman of the Judiciary Comm., hold a public hearing, so that the radical leftist mob could loudly complain. The 13 who signed a letter demanding such a hearing included the following: John Cavanaugh, Michaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, and Spivey. Despite their complaints about space, the state inmates now at McCook simply will move into other state prisons. These radical state senators intend to introduce legislation in the 2026 session to sabotage this detention center. Joining the senators in opposition are the leftist NE Appleseed and NE ACLU. Opponents falsely label the facility as an internment camp or concentration camp, ignoring the health, sanitation, and safeguards mandated. Mobs of opponents, most probably paid to attend, surrounded the Governor’s mansion to try to intimidate him, to no avail. The Nebraska Democratic Party said the facility locks up hardworking people who contribute to the state agricultural economy, ignoring illegal alien vicious crimes. The United Methodist clergy and Nebraskans for Peace rounded up their throngs to protest. NE news outlets fail to report on hapless victims of illegal aliens in the country who commit violent crimes and propagandize with biased reporting. Backlash against this agreement reeks of sheer political motivation from the liberals.

**THE FACTS.** Under NE law, the governor has the authority to make agreements with DHS to convert a state prison into an ICE detention facility without legislative permission. The state Dept. of Corrections has authority to house ICE detainees. Director Rob Jeffreys of our prison system declared that the repurposed facility will become a “Midwest hub” for immigration enforcement. The Cornhusker Clink will meet all federal health and safety standards. Incarcerated illegal aliens will enjoy all constitutional rights allowed their status. Instead of hounding

the Judiciary Comm. chairman with a host of inane questions, illegal alien lovers should direct their complaints to the state Att.-Gen. for constitutional clarification.

**THE BENEFITS.** The federal government will fully reimburse the state for use of the McCook facility plus bed costs, so the arrangement will financially benefit NE. Local McCook residents support the facility because of job opportunities and accompanying economic activity. The facility will enhance public safety by housing violent criminal illegal aliens and helping to deport them. Our Cornhusker Clink will demonstrate nationwide that we support the Trump Administration and our congressional delegation in the initiative to deport criminal illegal aliens, to support survivors of those murdered by illegals, to help Make America Safe Again.



**TAKE ACTION NOW.** Nebraska taxpayers must step up and support Pres. Trump and DHS Sec. Kristi Noem by helping to protect our homeland by housing criminal illegal aliens who have victimized our fellow citizens with horrific crimes. We must proudly support our NE State Patrol and National Guard members assisting ICE enforcement efforts. Do the following: 1. Email your support to Gov. Pillen at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/contact-governor>. 2. Email your state senator to support the Cornhusker Clink and to oppose 2026 Unicameral legislation seeking to close it. Email them at

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_list.php](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php). 3. Lobby your local officials to assist ICE through the 287 (g) law enforcement cooperation program. 4. Using the information above, write an editorial to your local newspaper. 5. Call into a local radio talk show. 6. To report suspected violations of U.S. immigration law or suspicious activity, call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423).

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