

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:

THE LYNNE WALZ LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD HARMED NEBRASKANS.

BACKGROUND. Legislative District 15 voters unfortunately elected Lynne Walz to the Legislature in 2016 and re-elected her in 2020. During those legislative sessions, while on the Education and Health & Human Services Committees, Walz continually voted against the interests of conservative Nebraskans, especially taxpaying Nebraskans. The following list of her votes in only 1 session, 2024, should convince Nebraskans across the state that she would attempt to impose a host of socialist tax and other policies on our state if elected governor.

HIGH TAXER:

LB 388: A bill to raise the state sales tax by 1c per \$1. Omahans would pay 8c per \$1 sales tax. Sales tax would expand to several targeted services, like accounting services, pet services, and dry cleaning. Removes sales tax exemptions for pop and candy. Increases taxes on cigarettes to \$1 dollar per pack, a 36c increase from the current 64c. Local governments could increase taxes over the tax lid to pay for needed law officers, firefighters, or prison officers. The NE Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill. Voted YES

LB 388A: To appropriate several million to fund LB 388. Voted YES

LB 1363: To raise the documentary stamp tax from \$2.25 per \$1,000 of real estate value to \$2.60, making homes less affordable. The increased revenue from the stamp tax would reach \$17.6 million in FY 2025-2026. Voted YES

LB 1363A: To appropriate \$5,854,831 to fund LB 1363. Voted YES



BIG SPENDER:

LB 196: To change the state patrol pension contribution rates. The member contribution reduced to 10% from the current 17% (for Patrol members hired after 7/1/26) or 16% (members hired prior to 7/1/26). Increases the State contribution from 17% to 24%. Voted YES

LB 196A: To appropriate \$22,439,342 to fund LB 196. Voted YES

LB 285: Walz. To require public and private schools with a high percentage of poor students to allow all students to eat free breakfasts and lunches without collecting financial information from households to prove eligibility. The state education dept. could waive the rule, if a district claimed inability to fund the program. Districts like OPS declare themselves impoverished in order to become eligible. The State Board of Education may implement rules to carry out this legislation. The leftist NE Appleseed supported the bill. Voted YES

LB 686: Walz. To require all 1st Class cities to provide 2 yrs. of health insurance benefits to retired firefighters, a massive unfunded mandate. \$31,807.93 cost to a city for FY 2026. This includes both the impact of expanding covered salary from base pay to total pay, also the increase in Lincoln contributions from 13% to 14% of pay. \$32,680.26 of additional cost for FY 2027, when Lincoln contributions increase from 14% to 15% of pay. This is in addition to the \$31,807.93 of costs for the first 1% increase in contribution rate, for a total FY 2027 cost of \$64,488.19 which is the ongoing annual cost for Lincoln. Voted YES

LB 1412: To appropriate \$400,000 in General Funds for FY 2023-2024 and \$400,000 in General Funds for FY 2024-2025 meant to increase our behavioral health workforce in Nebraska. To appropriate \$900,000 from the General Fund for FY 2023-2024 and \$900,000 from the General Fund for FY 2024-2025 to HHS for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs. State aid to schools, projected to drop by \$28 million in FY 2024-2025, instead will increase by \$65 million, the biggest budget increase. \$500,000 for a PTSD pilot program for poor Omaha children. \$600,000 for court interpreter pay hikes. To require unspent funds appropriated to the Developmental Disability Aid program distributed to providers at year end instead of returning to the General Fund. Voted YES

LB 1413: To appropriate \$500,000 to the UN-L Law School to provide free legal services to poor families facing eviction. To create the Commission on African American Affairs Cash Fund. Voted YES

OPPOSES LAW & ORDER:

LB 20: To restore voting privileges to criminals after completing their felony sentences, parole, or probation. The current 2-yr. waiting period offers felons an incentive to stay out of trouble. Approximately 25% of felons commit new crimes after release and should not have voting rights. The state constitution states that convicted felons cannot vote again unless pardoned. Leftist Common Cause, Civic NE, and the ACLU-NE supported the bill. Voted YES

LB 184: Statements made by a child defendant to a mental health professional during a criminal hearing process on a motion to transfer a case from juvenile court to adult court are inadmissible in subsequent proceedings in other criminal or civil cases. Voted YES

LB 307: To allow local governments to permit private health organizations and pharmacies to dispense clean syringes to drug addicts. The bill would create health and safety issues such as dirty syringe litter on playgrounds and other public places. It would endanger minors because of no age restrictions. Such legislation elsewhere has not reduced illegal drug usage or the spread of diseases. Studies have shown that such legislation actually increases drug deaths and enables drug addiction. Voted YES

LB 307ov: To override the gubernatorial veto of LB 307. Voted YES

LB 631: To require the state parole board to have 1 member who was an incarcerated criminal and 1 member with experience in restorative justice and re-entry into society. Parole board members must have training in cultural sensitivity and implicit bias. State cannot deny parole for an inmate only because the prison did not offer or delayed offender programming. To create a bureaucratic Reentry Continuity Advisory Board. To prohibit a state agency or political subdivision from excluding someone from a program grant because of currently or previously being on parole or probation. To make taxpayer grants available to eligible parolees to support operation of their businesses. The ACLU-NE endorsed the bill. Voted YES

LB 631A: To appropriate \$15,987,856 to fund LB 631. Voted YES

ILLEGAL ALIEN SUPPORTER:

LB 62: To require the welfare dept. to provide coverage for translation and interpretation services for individuals eligible for welfare medical assistance, including illegal aliens. To require the dept. to submit an annual report on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program expenditures. The intent is to spend the maximum amount of available funds. Not all TANF expenditures designed to increase economic independence. Leftist NE Appleseed endorsed this bill. Voted YES

LB 62A: To appropriate \$2,916,178 to fund LB 62. Voted YES

LB 894 Amend. 2764: To allow illegal aliens to take jobs as NE law enforcement officers and carry firearms and ammunition. There is a federal prohibition against DACA illegal aliens possessing firearms. DACA illegals cannot truthfully take an oath of office requiring them to enforce our laws, because their presence here violates federal law. This provision would have exposed counties who hire DACA recipients to lawsuits. Voted YES

LB 894 Amend. 2927: To disallow illegal aliens from becoming law enforcement officers. Voted NO

WELFARE LARGESSE:

LB 233: To exempt child support payments from considered income regarding eligibility for ADC monthly welfare payments. The leftist NE Appleseed supported the bill. Voted YES

LB 358: Walz. To increase by 25% provider reimbursement rates for welfare dental services. Voted YES

LB 358A: Walz. To appropriate \$3,054,187 in General Funds to fund LB 358. Voted YES

LB 840: No later than July 1, 2025, Omaha and Lincoln must establish and adopt a 5-year poverty elimination action plan. The cities must electronically submit a copy of the plan to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature. Each city must reevaluate its poverty elimination action plan every 2 years and update its plan every 5 years to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Each city must update goals for eliminating poverty in high-poverty areas. Cities will have to add staff and hire consultants to comply with this legislation. The Urban Affairs Comm. could force a city to present a report at a public hearing. Cities with a population of at least 20,000 also must electronically submit a report to the Committee detailing efforts to eliminate poverty. Key components of the plan include needs assessment, community engagement, data analysis, education and job training, affordable housing, health care, and access to social services, equity, and inclusion. Appointment of 9 commissioners and 3 resident commissioners for the Omaha housing agency. Commissioners will have a term of 4 years. To require appointment of county court-appointed attorneys for termination hearings and eviction proceedings for residents of public housing located in Omaha and require the city to pay for such attorneys. To increase workforce subsidized housing grant maximums to nonprofits from \$5 million to \$10 million and decrease the amount of matching funds required from an applicant from at least 50% to at least 25%. Leftist Legal Aid and ACLU-NE supported the bill. Voted YES

LB 856: To exclude all earned and unearned income for child care workers when determining eligibility for a federal child care subsidy. Despite a sunset clause, this benefit probably will become permanent. Voted YES

LB 857: To create a prenatal welfare program to cover the cost of such programs for welfare mothers. Covered costs include up to 6 sessions of nutrition counseling, psych counseling, therapy, health education, breastfeeding

support, and other case management services. Medicaid will pay enhanced rates for these services. The leftist Appleseed Center and ACLU-NE supported the bill. Voted YES

LB 857A: To appropriate \$11,819,374 to fund LB 857. Voted YES

LB 904: To provide individual state grants to pay for child care in nursing and assisted care facilities certified for Medicare or Medicaid. The leftist AARP endorsed the bill. Voted YES

LB 904A: To appropriate \$300,000 to fund LB 904. Voted YES

LB 905: To require the state welfare dept. to obtain Medicaid waivers in order to designate 2 respite medical facilities for homeless individuals, one in Omaha and one in Lincoln, adding to Medicaid costs. Voted YES

LB 905A: To appropriate \$747,200 to fund LB 905. Voted YES

LB 1087: To require every NE hospital to pay an assessment fee based on quarterly net patient revenue. This fee would bring in federal matching funds for Medicaid payments. Voted YES

LB 1195: \$1.5 million in taxpayer grants awarded to statewide legal service providers that provide direct free legal services to those who cannot pay their rent. To raise from \$60,000 to \$120,000 the amount of homestead exemption untouchable for liens and forced sale. To prohibit assisted-living facilities from requesting or requiring a third-party guarantee of payment as a condition of admission or continued stay in the facility. Voted YES

BAD EDUCATION:

LB 441: To allow prosecution of K-12 teachers and librarians who provide porn materials to minors, closing a NE law loophole. Voted NO

LB 575: Every school district must designate specific bathrooms and locker rooms for biological males and biological females. No school can allow a biological male to use a bathroom or locker room designated for biological females and vice-versa. No school or school official may retaliate against anyone reporting a violation or who files lawsuits for violations. Students retaliated against can file a civil suit against a school or school official. A prevailing plaintiff entitled to injunctive relief, actual damages, and reasonable attorney fees. Interscholastic and intramural athletic teams sponsored by a school will have only 1 sex included except those designated as mixed. No government entity or athletic association may complain against or investigate schools following these guidelines. Each school district must adopt a policy implementing this legislation. This bill would protect student privacy and dignity. Multiple school superintendents requested this bill. 18 other states have passed such laws. The ACLU-NE naturally opposed this bill. The Omaha and Bellevue Public School districts also opposed. Voted NO

LB 1102: To recognize a special day for Malcolm X, who preached against White people, and hold suitable celebrations in our public schools in recognition. Voted YES.

TAKE ACTION NOW. Too many voters do not take time to scrutinize candidates, a number who simply lie about their previous voting records and lie about their political intentions if elected. Lynne Walz as a state senator mirrored the radical progressive bill sponsorship and voting record of her radical cousin, Gov. “Tampon Tim” Walz of Minnesota. Thinking Nebraskans would not want the corrupt and fraudulent Minnesota political atmosphere to contaminate NE governance. Therefore, we ask our NTF members to circulate this Walz voting record widely to relatives, neighbors, church friends, and others long before the November election. Taxpayers cannot afford a Gov. Lynne Walz taking NE down a socialist path.

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