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Senator Mike Hilgers  
Room 2103, State Capitol  
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Dear Speaker Hilgers,

In the recent redistricting session, tensions between rural and suburban/urban Nebraskans were evident. Rural Nebraskans and their Senators voiced concerns about losing representation and ever-expanding districts. We are writing to urge you to act in the upcoming session to address these concerns.

First, we encourage you to introduce legislation to add another aide located in-district to provide boots on the ground for outreach across large geographic districts. This would provide outreach to constituents and allow Senators to better serve their constituents. Second, we encourage you to direct funds from ARPA toward targeted economic development projects in rural areas that will attract jobs and new residents to rural Nebraska.

Additionally, we hope that increasing the capacity for economic growth and other resources in rural areas and across the state to ensure ARPA funds and other allocations provide equity for all Nebraskans. Opportunity is the key to attracting residents to rural Nebraska. The funds that will come to Nebraska from the infrastructure bill should provide additional broadband connections across the state, which will help spur economic development.

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska wants to ensure that Nebraskans across the state moves forward together. We want to make sure that rural Nebraskans and their Senators know that their concerns have been heard and that the Unicameral is taking action to address these issues. We stand ready to help with lobbying to move these proposals forward.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

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Cc: Senator John Stinner, Chair, Appropriations Committee