

It's time to vote, Nebraska!

NTEU has the resources you need to make an informed decision about the candidates for federal office on your ballot.

In this packet you'll find profiles for your U.S. Senate candidates, U.S. House incumbent candidates who are running for re-election, and a new candidate for U.S. House who has secured NTEU's endorsement.


There will be two U.S. Senate seats on your ballot. Sen. Pete Ricketts is running in a special election to fill the last two years of the term of Sen. Sasse's term. Sen. Ricketts was appointed to fill that seat until the special election is held.

Sen. Fischer is running for re-election in the regularly scheduled election to fill the U.S. Senate seat she currently hods.

You can confirm your voter registration status, congressional district, and polling place on your state's [official election website](#).

For more NTEU-specific resources, visit us at NTEU.org/takeaction or email us at political@NTEU.org.


U.S. Senator for Nebraska

Candidate	Candidate Type	NTEU Lifetime Voting Score	Endorsed by NTEU?
Sen. Deb Fischer	Incumbent	22%	
Dan Osborn	Challenger	N/A	

U.S. Senator for Nebraska (Special Election)

Candidate	Candidate Type	NTEU Lifetime Voting Score	Endorsed by NTEU?
Sen. Pete Ricketts	Incumbent	33%	
Preston Love	Challenger	N/A	

U.S. House Representatives for Nebraska

Candidate	District and Candidate Type	NTEU Lifetime Voting Score	Endorsed by NTEU?
Rep. Mike Flood	1 – Incumbent	31%	
Tony Vargas	2 – Challenger	N/A	

*No candidate for U.S. Senator or U.S. House Representative in District 1 or 3 secured NTEU's endorsement.

U.S. House Representatives for Nebraska

Candidate	District and Candidate Type	NTEU Lifetime Voting Score	Endorsed by NTEU?
Rep. Don Bacon	2 – Incumbent	40%	
Rep. Adrian Smith	3 – Incumbent	13%	

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)



The State

Nebraska



NTEU Lifetime Score

22%

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✓ Fought to keep the government open
- ✗ Fought to undercut working families

What You Should Know

Year elected: 2012

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| Friend of organized labor | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spoke at the NTEU Legislative Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comes from a union household | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Met with NTEU members | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended a NTEU rally | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former law enforcement officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toured a worksite with NTEU representatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member of a federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NTEU Committees & Jurisdiction

- Agriculture (USDA, CFTC)
- Approps. (All agencies except for FDIC, OCC, CFPB, FHFA)
- Armed Services (DoD)
- Rules & Admin. (FEC)

Contact Information

<http://www.fischer.senate.gov/>



Dan Osborn Candidate for U.S. Senate (I-NE)

The State

Nebraska



Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✓ Believes in the right to join a union and bargain working conditions
- ✓ Pledged to ensure federal agencies are independent, fully staffed and funded, and can meet their missions
- ✓ Pledged to vote for fair, meaningful pay increases for federal employees
- ✓ Pledged to protect telework
- ✓ Pledged to protect healthcare and retirement benefits
- ✓ Pledged to fight proposals to restrict union rights in the federal sector

What You Should Know

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| Friend of organized labor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Former federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Responded to NTEU's Candidate Questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comes from a union household | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Met with NTEU members | <input type="checkbox"/> | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Former public sector employee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former law enforcement officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Participated in a NTEU Candidate Interview | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member of a federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Contact Information

Website: <https://osbornforsenate.com>

X: <https://www.twitter.com/OsbornForSenate>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/osbornforsenate>

*Profile information is sourced from the candidate's website and public reporting.

Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)



The State

Nebraska



NTEU Lifetime Score

33%

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✓ Fought to keep the government open
- ✗ Fought to undercut working families
- ✗ Publicly disparaged federal employees
- ✗ Worked to cut agency funding and staffing

What You Should Know

Year elected: 2023

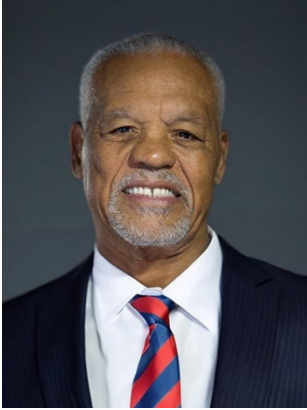
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| Spoke at the NTEU Legislative Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comes from a union household | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Met with NTEU members | <input type="checkbox"/> | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended a NTEU rally | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former law enforcement officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toured a worksite with NTEU representatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member of a federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NTEU Committees & Jurisdiction

- Environment (EPA)

Contact Information

<https://www.ricketts.senate.gov>



Preston Love Jr. Candidate for U.S. Senate (D-NE)

The State

Nebraska



Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- Preston Love Jr. has not made specific public statements about union rights for federal employees or any other federal employee issues.

What You Should Know

Friend of organized labor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Former federal employee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responded to NTEU's Candidate Questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comes from a union household	<input type="checkbox"/>
Met with NTEU members	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/>
Former public sector employee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Former law enforcement officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participated in a NTEU Candidate Interview	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family member of a federal employee	<input type="checkbox"/>

Contact Information

Website: <https://love4senate.com>

X: <https://x.com/Love4Senate>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Love4Senate>

*Profile information is sourced from the candidate's website and public reporting.

Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE-1)



The District

Nebraska's 1st

Lincoln and rural eastern Nebraska



NTEU Lifetime Score

31%

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✗ Fought to undercut working families
- ✗ Publicly disparaged federal employees
- ✗ Fought to roll back telework
- ✗ Undermined your union rights and protections
- ✗ Worked to cut agency funding and staffing

What You Should Know

Year elected: 2022

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| Met with NTEU members | <input type="checkbox"/> | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended a NTEU rally | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former law enforcement officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toured a worksite with NTEU representatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member of a federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NTEU Committees & Jurisdiction

- Fin. Serv. (CFPB, FDIC, NCUA, SEC, OCC, BEP, Treasury DO, FHFA)

Contact Information

<http://flood.house.gov>

Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)



The District

Nebraska's 2nd

Greater Omaha
area



NTEU Lifetime Score

40%

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✓ Supported paid family leave
- ✓ Protected your benefits
- ✓ Protected your job
- ✓ Fought to expand your benefits
- ✓ Protected your union rights
- ✗ Publicly disparaged federal employees
- ✗ Fought to roll back telework

What You Should Know

Year elected: 2016

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| Spoke at the NTEU Legislative Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | Comes from a union household | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Met with NTEU members | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Attended a NTEU rally | <input type="checkbox"/> | Former law enforcement officer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toured a worksite with NTEU representatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family member of a federal employee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NTEU Committees & Jurisdiction

- Agriculture (USDA, CFTC)
- Armed Services (DoD)

Contact Information

<http://bacon.house.gov>



Tony Vargas Candidate for U.S. House (D-NE-2)

The District

Nebraska's 2nd













Greater Omaha
area

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✓ Believes in the right to join a union and bargain working conditions
- ✓ Pledged to vote for fair, meaningful pay increases for federal employees
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What You Should Know

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Contact Information

Website: <https://www.vargasfornebraska.com>

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vargasfornebraska>

*Profile information is sourced from the NTEU Candidate Questionnaire and public reporting.

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-3)



The District

Nebraska's 3rd

Western
Nebraska



NTEU Lifetime Score

13%

Where They Stand on NTEU's Issues:

- ✗ Fought to undercut working families
- ✗ Fought to roll back telework
- ✗ Undermined your union rights and protections
- ✗ Worked to cut agency funding and staffing

What You Should Know

Year elected: 2006

Friend of organized labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Former federal employee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spoke at the NTEU Legislative Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comes from a union household	<input type="checkbox"/>
Met with NTEU members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a NTEU rally	<input type="checkbox"/>	Former law enforcement officer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toured a worksite with NTEU representatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family member of a federal employee	<input type="checkbox"/>

NTEU Committees & Jurisdiction

- Ways & Means (IRS, SSA, TTB, Chief Counsel, BFS)

Contact Information

<http://adriansmith.house.gov>