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Dear Governor Ricketts,

As you know, in June the United States Supreme Court reversed the *Roe v. Wade* decision and returned, rightfully, the question of abortion restrictions to the individual states.

Nebraska is a pro-life state. It is unsurprising that a significant majority of the elected representatives in the Nebraska Legislature, from the major urban centers of Lincoln, Omaha, and Sarpy County, as well as communities across the state, support further protections for pre-born babies.

Indeed, the thirty senators listed below would support further restrictions on abortion in Nebraska than currently exist in statute. Specifically, the below senators would vote for legislation in a special session that restricts elective abortions at and after the 12th week of pregnancy. The simplest, but not the only, way to accomplish this would be to change the current statute—which restricts abortion at and after twenty weeks—to 12 weeks. That statute has been in place for over 10 years without any major issue and its scope is understood by the medical community.

Such a change would not impact access to IVF services, medical services for ectopic pregnancies, contraception, or the like, nor would it add new criminal penalties to statute. Further, it would not impact medical professionals who are giving life-saving care to a mother.

To be clear, many of the senators listed below would support greater restrictions on abortion. Nevertheless, in light of the discussion regarding a potential special session, I write to give you a clear sense of where I believe the body stands regarding further restrictions on abortion in such a session, and the scope of legislation that would attract the most support within the body if a special session were called.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Hilgers".

Mike Hilgers
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Ray Aguilar, LD 35

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Steve Halloran, LD 33

Ben Hansen, LD 16

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Dan Hughes, LD 44

Mike Jacobson, LD 42

Kathleen Kauth, LD 31

Mark Kolterman, LD 24

Brett Lindstrom, LD 18

Lou Ann Linehan, LD 39

John Lowe, LD 37

Mike McDonnell, LD 5

Mike Moser, LD 22

Dave Murman, LD 38

Rita Sanders, LD 45

Julie Slama, LD 1

Matt Williams, LD 36