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### **SPOTLIGHT ON NEBRASKA'S U.S. SENATE RACE:**

Who will stand with working Nebraskans?

#### **INDEPENDENT DAN OSBORN**



Dan Osborn is a Navy veteran, industrial mechanic, and former union leader with a proud blue-collar **background.** When corporate greed threatened workers at his factory, Dan took a stand, leading a successful strike that saved jobs and secured better pay and benefits for his fellow workers. Now, he's running for U.S. Senate as an Independent to fight for working people in Nebraska. Dan believes people aren't getting a fair shake—costs are too high, the border is not secure. and taxpayer dollars are being wasted. He's standing up to corporate interests and corrupt politicians that give billions to corporations while regular people struggle.

Source: Nebraska Examiner, 3/25/2024

#### **REPUBLICAN DEB FISCHER**



Senator Fischer puts her wealthy donors ahead of Nebraska families. Her votes in Washington have meant higher healthcare costs, fewer family farms, and more expensive everyday items like groceries, energy, and prescription drugs. We need a Senator who fights for everyday Nebraskans, not just big corporations.

Source: Nebraska Railroaders, accessed 10/15/2024

See inside for more information on where Dan Osborn and Deb Fischer stand on the issues that matter to working Nebraskans.

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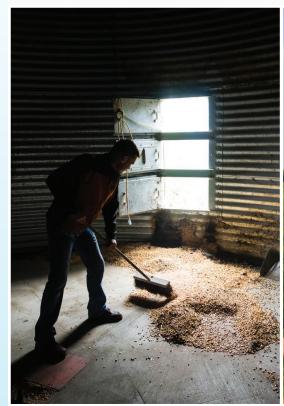
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#### **IN UNION SPECIAL REPORT:**

# 2024 **NEBRASKA VOTER GUIDE**



With Election Day just around the corner, it's hard to avoid all the political noise and attack ads. We want to ensure you have the information you need to make the best choice for you and your family. That's why we're closely examining the candidates for Nebraska's U.S. Senate seat. We're focused on the issues that matter most to you-like protecting Social Security and Medicare, creating good-paying jobs, and tackling the cost of living.







### COMPARING THE CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE:

### WHO IS BETTER FOR WORKING NEBRASKANS?



## DAN OSBORN

Dan Osborn believes the economy should work for everyone, not just the wealthy. In the U.S. Senate, he will work to make life more affordable for Nebraska families.



#### **Cut Taxes for Working Families**

Dan Osborn will stand up to huge corporations and the ultra-wealthy to make sure they finally pay their fair share in taxes. He'll cut taxes for working people, including lowering taxes on overtime wages, because he knows it isn't right for middle-class families to shoulder the tax burden.

Sources: Nebraska Examiner, 10/5/2023, 3/25/2024; Barn Raiser, 3/13/2024



#### **Protect Social Security and Medicare**

Osborn knows that Nebraska's seniors deserve to retire with dignity after a career of hard work. He will strengthen Social Security by ending the wasteful tax giveaways to billionaires and corporations. And he will stand up to private interests trying to profiteer off seniors' healthcare.

Source: 10 11 NOW, 9/17/2024



#### **Create Good-Paying Union Jobs**

As a former union leader, Osborn is a fierce advocate for workers' rights. He supports the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and will work to raise the minimum wage and improve job security.

Sources: Labor Notes, 12/6/2023; 10 11 NOW, 10/12/2024



#### Affordable, Accessible Healthcare

Dan Osborn believes everyone should be able to afford healthcare. He will protect and expand the Affordable Care Act through equitable tax reform, including ending government handouts to the pharmaceutical industry.

Sources: KETV, 10/6/2024; The American Prospect, 4/25/2024; Norfolk Daily News, 9/30/2024



#### **Support Family Farms and Ranches**

Family farms are the lifeblood of Nebraska's economy and way of life, but anti-competitive policies and corporate consolidation are putting them at risk. Osborn will support fair trade policies that protect our farmers, reform crop subsidies that favor large corporations over local farms, and establish a "Right to Repair" for farm equipment.

Sources: Barn Raiser, 3/13/2024; 10 11 NOW, 9/17/2024

## REPUBLICAN DEB FISCHER

Senator Deb Fischer is out of touch with the struggles of everyday Nebraskans. While she's busy looking out for her wealthy donors, families in our state are struggling with rising costs for groceries, gas, and healthcare. It's time for a Senator who puts Nebraska families first, not special interests.



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#### **Cut Taxes for the Wealthy**

We need to ensure our tax system works for everyone, not just big corporations and wealthy investors. Deb Fischer voted for a tax plan that gave massive tax breaks to the super-rich while making things tougher for average Americans. That's not fair, and it's not how our system should work.

Sources: U.S. Senate, H.R. 1, Roll Call Vote #303, 12/2/2017; CAP, 9/26/2019; CNBC, 12/16/2019



#### **Higher Costs for Working Families**

Nebraskans need relief from the high costs of everything from childcare to energy bills. Yet Fischer voted against lowering the costs of housing, energy, prescription drugs, and daycare. She also helped block a provision that would have capped the cost of insulin at \$35 per month for all Nebraskans.

Sources: *Newsweek*, 8/8/2022; U.S. Senate, H.R. 1319, Vote #110, 3/6/2021



#### **Skyrocketing Healthcare Costs**

Fischer's record in the Senate is hurting Nebraskans' wallets. She's voted against making healthcare more affordable for families while taking big money from the very companies that raise your costs. She voted against expanding Medicaid, which would have helped thousands of Nebraskans get the care they need, and voted against tax credits to help families afford their healthcare.

Sources: *The Hill*, 12/15/2017; *The New York Times*, 12/19/2017; FEC, accessed 10/15/2024



#### **Risking Our Retirement Security**

Fischer's plan is a disaster for seniors and middle-class families. It puts our Social Security and Medicare benefits on the chopping block, risking the retirement security we've worked so hard for. Fischer wants to hand over our healthcare to insurance companies, meaning higher costs and fewer choices. We must protect our seniors and keep Social Security and Medicare strong.

Sources: U.S. Senate, S. Amdt. 601 to S. Con. Res. 11, Vote #90, 3/25/2015; S. Amdt. 471 to S. Con. Res. 11, Vote #84, 3/24/2015; H.R. 1628, Vote #167, 7/25/2017; CNBC, 6/26/2017



#### **Abandoning Nebraska's Farmers**

Nebraska's farmers are struggling. Over 6,000 family farms have disappeared since 2012, while Deb Fischer has taken over a million dollars from Big Ag. That's a lot of money from corporations squeezing out local farmers and hurting our rural communities. Fischer opposes policies that would help family farms compete and keep food prices affordable for everyone. We need a Senator who stands up for Nebraska's farmers, not big corporations.

Sources: USDA, February 2024; Nebraska Railroaders, 10/15/2024