

Nebraska State Legislature

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Neighbors,

Welcome to my December legislative newsletter! Christmas and New Years are right around the corner and, with them, the 2026 legislative session. In this short 60-day session, I'll be especially focused on keeping our state's budget balanced, securing tax relief for Nebraskans, and promoting public safety. I'm looking forward to yet another opportunity to work hard representing District 4.

To make your voice heard, you can write to my office email at bvongillern@leg.ne.gov or make contact by calling the office phone at 402-471-2621. If you decide to contact me via email, please include your full name and home address so my staff and I can determine how to best serve you. Your input is valued and sincerely appreciated and we will make every effort to reply in a timely fashion. If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email in the future, please send a request to bvongillern@leg.ne.gov. Simply write 'Monthly Newsletter Request' in the subject line.

Here, I want to share just a few things that have happened since my last newsletter:

- Recently, I had the opportunity to take part in and speak at Aksarben Foundation's Nebraska Forward event alongside 200 other business and government leaders. Participants took a hard look at the realities governing job creation and economic growth in Nebraska. The upshot: neither business, nor government successfully grow our state alone—but together we can do incredible things!
- December is apparently legislative national conferences month. I was in Chicago last week in the ice and snow for the Council of State Governments (CSG) National Meeting, and the week prior was in Fort Worth for the States and Nations convention hosted by the American Legislative Exchange Council. ALEC is America's largest non-partisan voluntary membership organization of state legislators. Both conferences provided opportunities to explore issues like limited government, taxation, housing, incentives, free markets, and Federalism. The last matter, federalism is particularly topical at this time when the Federal Government is attempting to exercise greater control over states, and will also be a topic of discussion at an National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) conference I will attend this week.



- I also recently took part in a roundtable discussion with public power CEOs and lawmakers where we discussed Nebraska’s energy needs for consumers, industry and business here in Nebraska. I believe that energy constraints represent *the* defining barrier to our state’s economic growth—we won’t attract and retain great people without an adequate supply of affordable energy.

- In November, I had the opportunity to shadow two teachers at Elkhorn High School. This really was an amazing opportunity to see up-close just how excellent our public schools are in District Four, and to learn more about the challenges that teachers and parents face in providing a proper education for our kids.

- I also want to give a big ‘thank you’ to HyVee for the opportunity to help serve breakfast to servicemen and women this past Veterans Day. As the father of a Marine who was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, I have a greater appreciation than ever for the sacrifices that these great men and women, AND their families make to protect our freedom.



Finally, I’ve been in neighborhoods in the District this fall, meeting constituents, holding small group meetings and sharing my priorities for the upcoming session. I’ve had great discussions and had an opportunity to learn from others about what is important to them as Nebraskans. Now that we are deep into the holidays, that is on pause, but please reach out if you’d like to meet with me, either in Lincoln, or somewhere in the district, or even in your home sometime in 2026.

Lastly, I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. Brad von Gillern".

Senator R. Brad von Gillern
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