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## Statement on Behalf of State Senator Dan McKeon

State senator fighting "blatantly false accusations" as "political theater," preparing defamation countersuit

**LINCOLN, Neb.** — On behalf of State Senator Dan McKeon of Amherst, Neb., Nebraska attorney Perry Pirsch, issued the following statement Monday, categorically denying accusations made by a legislative staffer regarding a light-hearted exchange following the Legislature's Sine Die gathering in May 2025.

"Senator McKeon is a devoted husband, father of four (two daughters and two sons), a proud Christian, coach, farming consultant, and a public servant of the highest integrity who has never engaged in any activity that could constitute 'public indecency' or wrongdoing of that nature," Pirsch said. "The claims are intentionally false or misguided and will be met with a full legal defense, including a possible countersuit for defamation. These allegations are unfounded and appear shamefully politically motivated by individuals — including some elected officials — that are attempting to exploit it for personal or political gain."

Senator McKeon's longtime nickname, "Dirty Dan" refers to his farming roots, and has also been distorted in recent coverage and exploited by those wishing to do political harm. As a grain-farmer consultant from rural Nebraska, he has for decades said he is "proud to have dirt on my boots, because keeping my feet on the ground and being humble to my farmer roots keeps me grounded." That nickname — rooted in humility and work ethic — is now being mischaracterized by extreme liberal voices for partisan purposes.

Senator McKeon remains focused on serving Nebraskans — *farmers, families, faith-based communities* — and on continuing to speak truth to power. As the duly elected Senator of LD 41, who was outspent 3 to 1, he will not allow manufactured controversies to negate the will of the voters or otherwise distract from the important work ahead.

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