Constituent Services

>776
constituent cases completed

>674
new constituent cases opened

>271
U.S. Capitol tours given to constituents

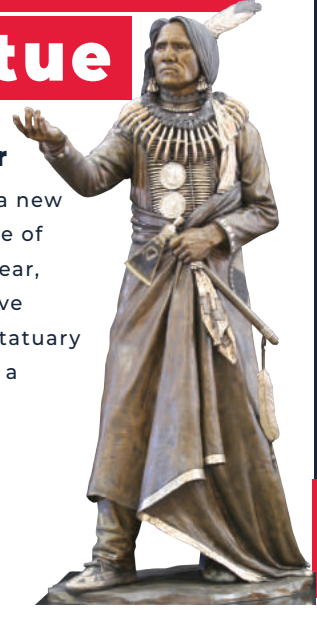
>93
counties visited by my office

>156
U.S. flags flown for Nebraskans

>274
White House tours for Nebraskans

>9,190
miles traveled across Nebraska

Nebraska's New State Statue



> Chief Standing Bear

The U.S. Capitol welcomed a new statue to represent the state of Nebraska. Chief Standing Bear, a civil rights leader for Native Americans, now stands in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C., as a symbol of equal rights and Nebraska.



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A look back at 2019

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As I reflect on 2019,

nothing has made me prouder than seeing how Nebraskans have handled the many challenges that have come our way. In the face of severe storms, flooding, and economic uncertainty, our people responded how we always do – with perseverance, grit, determination, and neighbor helping neighbor. Despite these difficulties, we managed to secure important legislative victories and investments in the Heartland's future. Here is a look back at what we accomplished by working together in 2019.

– Senator Deb Fischer

Legislative Highlights

Disaster Relief

After the extreme weather in 2019, I worked to bring significant disaster relief to Nebraska.

- The disaster relief bill included hundreds of millions of dollars for Nebraska's flood recovery.
- ***$68 million*** in Department of Transportation (DoT) grants to repair damaged roads.
- Another ***$25 million*** DoT grant to repair highways and bridges.
- Funding to repair levees and other flood control infrastructure in Nebraska.
- Legislation, ***signed into law***, which offers more flexibility and tax relief for Nebraskans affected by the spring 2019 natural disaster.
- Payments for ag producers toward lost planting acres due to flooding.

National Defense Authorization Act

Every year for the past 59 years, Congress has come together to pass the NDAA. This year's bill:

- Gives the ***largest pay raise*** for our troops in a decade.
- Includes nearly ***$420 million*** of disaster relief for Offutt Air Force Base & Camp Ashland.
- Continues modernization of our nation's nuclear deterrent.

Supporting Education

- Original cosponsor of the bipartisan ***Building Blocks of STEM Act***, which was signed into law. This bill will ensure more young girls have the opportunity to study STEM. It will pave the way for ***more women trailblazers in tech.***
- ***Helped secure more than $4.0 million*** in federal grants for the Ponca and Winnebago libraries, the University of Lincoln (UNL) Mid-America Transporation Center, and UNL precision ag technologies.

Western Expanded In-State TV Access Act

Introduced the ***WEST Access Act,*** which would enable access for satellite subscribers in 16 western Nebraska "orphan counties" to broadcast in-state TV content.

Agriculture

The Economic Engine of NE

Real MEAT Act

My bipartisan legislation will end deceptive labeling practices used by fake meat companies and allow consumers to know whether the beef they are purchasing is the real thing.

Ethanol

In the Senate, I am continuing to advocate for our state's farmers and ethanol producers.

- EPA finalized the ***year-round sale of E-15***. This was a win for rural America and our ethanol producers.
- I sponsored the bipartisan RFS Integrity Act to stop EPA's ***abuse of the Small Refinery Exemption (SRE) process*** in the RFS. This, along with pressure from my colleagues and me, prompted the administration to finally agree to more accurately account for volumes lost to SREs for future years.

Trade

Despite uncertainty on trade, we have secured several critical trade deals for our ag producers – with more on the horizon.

- The US and Japan reached a critical trade deal. Japan is a major export destination for Nebraska's agricultural products, and this deal will slash tariffs on beef, pork, wheat, ethanol, and more.
- After over a year of negotiation, the House passed the USMCA. The Senate will take up the deal in 2020. This trade agreement will maintain access for our farmers and ranchers to their two largest markets.

Grants Heading to the Good Life

$152,227,683

$3,887,747 – Education
$25,856,936 – Airports
$110,490,000 – Transportation Infrastructure
$6,318,000 – Water Infrastructure
$1,300,000 – Community Health Centers
$4,375,000 – Combating Drug Addiction