



January 15, 2022

The Honorable Ben Hansen (bhansen@leg.ne.gov)
Room 1308
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Support for L.B. 1000

Dear Senator Hansen:

On behalf of our thousands of supporters in Nebraska, we are pleased to support the bill you introduced along with your colleagues, Senators Wayne and McKinney, L.B. 1000.

L.B. 1000 is very important to the parents and children of Nebraska. L.B. 1000 will serve to protect innocent families from being caught up in overzealous investigations by the Division of Children and Family Services in Nebraska by clarifying that a parent who allows his or her child to engage in “independent activities” will not be considered to have neglected the child, unless there is evidence of obvious danger that any reasonable parent would not – and should not -- ignore.

At a time when it seems that government is encroaching more and more on loving parents and their ability to care for and raise their children, L.B. 1000 provides freedom to parents to let their children grow and thrive and allows Nebraska’s Division of Children and Family Services to focus attention on children who are truly in danger of abuse or neglect.

Passage of L.B. 1000 into law will add Nebraska to a growing number of states – including Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Utah – that have recently amended their state child neglect laws to protect innocent parents from facing child neglect investigations simply because a bystander or child welfare investigator disagrees with the parenting decision that was made.

We are grateful for your leadership, and for your introduction of L.B. 1000. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any reason. I can be reached via phone at 540-751-1200, or via email at will@parentalrights.org.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Estrada', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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