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## RAYBOULD CAMPAIGN RELEASES FIRST TV AD OF THE U.S. SENATE CONTEST

### FARMER WHO SUPPORTED FISCHER: "DC DEB HAS LOST MY VOTE"

LINCOLN, NE - Surrounded by farmers and Nebraskans whose livelihoods are in jeopardy due to Washington's trade war, the Raybould for U.S. Senate campaign unveiled its first television ad -- the first of any candidate to release a TV ad in the general election.

Watch the Ad: <https://youtu.be/nAEWo71JuBI>



"For decades, my family has been working with Nebraska's producers to support local businesses and bring the bounty of Nebraska to our grocery stores and the hundreds of thousands of Nebraskan families shopping in our stores. Today, my campaign for US Senate is shining a spotlight on Senator Fischer's failure to not only stand up for Nebraska's agricultural economy, but her gross malpractice in working against our state's interests. As farm bankruptcies are on the rise in Nebraska, DC Deb is sitting pretty with a network that's grown more than tenfold since she took office," said Jane Raybould.

"In 2012, I donated to Senator Fischer's campaign because I believed she would do what she was promising back then, that as a rancher she would look out for folks like me. But instead, Senator Fischer has voted against our interests and is a part of the problem in Washington -- she's pushing family farms like mine past the breaking point," said Raybould supporter, former President of the Ag Builders of Nebraska, Ben Steffen.

Steffen continued, "One thing is crystal clear: Deb Fischer's gone Washington. She's voting with her political party 98 percent of the time, even when it hurts Nebraskans, and all the while getting rich herself. After nearly

six years in Washington, it's about time that we help Senator Fischer get reacquainted with how things work back on her ranch."

## Get the Facts On the Ad

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| <p><b>RAYBOULD:</b> "I'm Jane Raybould and I approve this message."</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>STEFFEN:</b> "I'm frustrated. Senator Fischer promised farmers a lot, but she's failing to lead in Washington, making it even harder this year to make a living."</p> <p><b>TEXT:</b><br/>Ben Steffen<br/>Humboldt, Nebraska</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>FISCHER VOTES WITH PARTY 98% OF THE TIME...</b></p> <p><b>Fischer Votes With Her Party 98% Of The Time.</b> According to ProPublica, Fischer voted against her party 2.5% of the time. [ProPublica, accessed <a href="#">7/16/18</a>]</p> <p><b>WHILE SOYBEAN PRICES HIT 10-YEAR LOW</b></p> <p><b>Headline: Trade War Fallout: Soybean Prices Plunge To A 10-Year Low.</b> "Soybean prices have hit a 10-year low, dealing a blow to American farmers. The price of a bushel slid to \$8.55 on Wednesday, a 13% decline since the beginning of the year. Prices are falling as a result of the escalating trade war between the United States and China." [CNN Money, <a href="#">7/11/18</a>]</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>STEFFEN:</b> "On her watch, Nebraska lost our seat on the agricultural committee for the first time in nearly 50 years."</p> <p><b>TEXT:</b><br/>Nebraska senator steps down from Ag committee<br/>01/23/17 Tri-State Livestock News</p> <p>Despite speculation, Nebraska's other senator, Sandhills rancher <b>Deb Fischer, did not try to fill Sasse's place on the ag committee.</b></p> <p>First time in 50 years.</p> | <p><b>January 2017: Sasse Stepped Down From The Senate Agriculture Committee, Leaving Nebraska Without Representation For First Time Since 1969.</b> "For the first time since 1969, Nebraska will not have a representative on the Senate Agricultural committee. Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse broke the tradition last week when he announced he was stepping down." [Tri-State Livestock News, <a href="#">1/13/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Nebraska's Other Senator, Fischer, Did Not Try To Fill Sasse's Place On The Senate Agriculture Committee.</b> "Despite speculation, Nebraska's other senator, Sandhills rancher Deb Fischer, did not try to fill Sasse's place on the ag committee. However, she maintains that she will stay involved in promoting the needs of Nebraska agriculture while she serves in the Senate." [Tri-State Livestock News, <a href="#">1/13/17</a>]</p> |
| <p><b>STEFFEN:</b> "And jumping on during an election year just isn't enough."</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>January 2018: Fischer Joined Senate Agriculture Committee.</b> "Nebraska has a seat on the Senate Agriculture Committee once more. Republican Sen. Deb Fischer announced Tuesday that she had joined the panel and touted her personal background in the field." [Omaha World Herald, <a href="#">1/10/18</a>]</p> <p><b>Raybould Called Fischer's Landing Seat On Agriculture Committee At This Time As An Election Year Stunt.</b> "Raybould issued a statement suggesting that Fischer's landing a seat on the committee at this time represents an election year stunt. She questioned why Fischer had not sought a seat on the panel earlier in her five years in the Senate." [Omaha World Herald, <a href="#">1/10/18</a>]</p>                                                                                                                                       |

**STEFFEN:** “She isn’t looking out for us on trade.”

**TEXT:**

US soybean farmers say China tariffs could result in ‘serious damage’  
CNN Money, 7/6/18

Nebraska corn farmers oppose Trump’s tariffs on China  
Lincoln Journal Star, 7/3/18

Caught in crossfire on Trump’s trade wars, Nebraska and Iowa companies look for ways to compete  
Omaha World Herald, 7/9/18

**When Asked About Future Action On More Substantive Version Of Corker’s Tariff Bill, Fischer Opted To Avoid The Question.** “As for future action on a more substantive version of Corker’s bill, Rounds was skeptical. [...] Others, such as Nebraska senator Deb Fischer, opted to avoid the question. Fischer said she would have to look at the timing of the bill and the way it was drafted before deciding whether to give it her vote.” [Weekly Standard, [7/12/18](#)]

**Fischer On Toomey-Corker Bill That Would Give Congress Veto Power Over Tariff Decisions Made On Basis Of National Security: “I Haven’t Heard A Compelling Case.”** “A few Senate Republicans are attempting to put some checks on the president through legislation that would give Congress veto power over tariff decisions made on the basis of national security. But their effort appears destined to fail, seemingly leaving Trump with free rein to undo U.S. trade relations around the world as he sees fit. [...] But other Republicans showed little interest in the Toomey-Corker proposal. ‘I haven’t heard a compelling case,’ said Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.). ‘The sponsors of the bill need to make that.’” [Washington Post, [6/11/18](#)]

**Fischer Hasn’t Cosponsored Corker’s Bill To Require Congressional Approval Before President Adjusts Imports That Are Determined To Threaten National Security Unlike Fellow Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse.** According to Congress.gov, Fischer has not cosponsored Senator Bob Corker’s legislation, S.3013, a bill to amend the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to require Congressional approval before the President adjust imports that are determined to threaten to impair national security. Senator Ben Sasse is listed as a cosponsor for this legislation. [Congress.gov, accessed [7/12/18](#)]

**Fischer Among 14 Republican Senators To Side With Trump Administration In Vote Against GOP Plan That Would Have Given Congress Greater Oversight Over Deals Between Foreign And U.S. Firms That Could Affect National Security.** “The Senate sided with the Trump administration Thursday to vote down a GOP plan that would have given Congress greater oversight over deals between foreign and U.S. firms that could affect national security. The legislation, pushed by Sen. Patrick J. Toomey (R-Pa.), failed to clear a procedural hurdle when the Senate blocked it with a 62-to-35 vote. Sixty ‘yes’ votes would have been required for the measure to advance. [...] Most Republican senators voted in favor of Toomey’s amendment, but 14 joined Democrats in voting “no”: Sens. John Boozman and Tom Cotton (Ark.), Richard Burr (N.C.), Deb Fischer (Neb.), Susan Collins (Maine), John Cornyn (Texas), Lindsey O. Graham (S.C.), John Hoeven (N.D.), Lisa Murkowski (Alaska), James E. Risch (Idaho), Pat Roberts (Kansas), Marco Rubio (Fla.), Steve Daines (Mont.) and Richard C. Shelby (Ala.).” [Washington Post, [6/14/18](#); Vote #123, S.Amdt. 2700 to S.Amdt. 2282 to H.R. 5515, [6/14/18](#)]

**Fischer “Worried” On Agriculture And Trade Issues But Said Said She Was Hopeful That Everything Would Be Okay.** “On Wednesday, USDA Trade Under Secretary Ted McKinney will meet with Nebraska U.S. Senator Deb Fischer at Greater Omaha Packing. They will lead a roundtable discussion with Nebraskans focused on trade and agriculture issues. ‘I’m very worried obviously agriculture is the economic engine for the state of Nebraska,’ said Fischer. But Fischer is hopeful everything will be okay because she says President Trump told her last year in a meeting he would have ag’s back, ‘I hold him at his word, I hope he will be able to represent us well with the Chinese.’” [KMTV, [5/4/18](#)]

**Fischer Had Not Looked At Senator Flake’s Bill That Would Roll Back Increased Tariff, Saying “I Haven’t Had Senator Flake Approach Me To Visit With Me About That Bill Either, So I Don’t Know How Serious He Is About Pushing It Forward.”** “U.S. Senator Deb Fischer says she has not looked at Flake’s bill. ‘A number of bills are introduced every year,’ Fischer tells Nebraska Radio Network. ‘I haven’t had Senator Flake approach me to visit with me about that bill either, so I don’t know how serious he is about pushing it forward.’” [Nebraska Radio Network, [5/4/18](#)]

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| <p><b>STEFFEN:</b> “And her votes threaten to close rural hospitals across Nebraska.”</p> <p><b>TEXT:</b><br/>Rural Emergency Hospital Closures Are Putting Farmers Out of Business<br/>In These Times, 4/2/18</p> | <p><b>GOP’s American Health Care Act Would Cut Medicaid, Which Would Hurt Small Rural Hospitals.</b> “The GOP’s American Health Care Act would cut Medicaid — the public insurance program for many low-income families, children and elderly Americans, as well as people with disabilities — by as much as \$834 billion. The Congressional Budget Office has said that would result in 23 million more people being uninsured in the next 10 years. Even more could lose coverage under the budget proposed by President Trump, which suggests an additional \$610 billion in cuts to the program. That is a problem for small rural hospitals like Pemiscot Memorial, which depend on Medicaid. The hospital serves an agricultural county that ranks worst in Missouri for most health indicators, including premature deaths, quality of life and even adult smoking rates. Closing the county’s hospital could make those much worse. And a rural hospital closure goes beyond people losing health care. Jobs, property values and even schools can suffer. Pemiscot County already has the state’s highest unemployment rate. Losing the hospital would mean losing the county’s largest employer.” [NPR, <a href="#">6/22/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Fischer Voted For Motion To Proceed To AHCA</b> In July 2017, Fischer voted for: “McConnell, R-Ky., motion to proceed to the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system and by making extensive changes to Medicaid.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 50-50, with Vice President Pence breaking the tie. [CQ, <a href="#">7/25/17</a>; HR 1628, Vote #167, <a href="#">7/25/17</a>]</p> |
| <p><b>STEFFEN:</b> “I’m a lifelong Republican, but Senator Fischer has lost my vote.”</p> <p><b>TEXT:</b><br/>APPROVED BY JANE RAYBOULD. PAID FOR BY RAYBOULD FOR US SENATE.</p>                                   | <p><b>Ben Steffen Donated \$250 To Deb Fischer For US Senate In 2012.</b> Deb Fischer for US Senate financial disclosure showed that Ben Steffen of Humboldt, Nebraska donated \$250 to Fischer’s general election on October 26, 2012. [FEC, Deb Fischer for US Senate, <a href="#">10/26/12</a>]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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A grocery store owner and faithful Catholic, Jane Raybould knows what it means to serve her community — to put community before self. She is running for the United States Senate to cut through the partisan bickering and get things done for Nebraskans, like her customers. Jane boldly announced she would refuse donations from corporate PACs because she knows the special interests hold too much sway in Washington. Her opponent, incumbent Senator Deb Fischer has enriched herself in office and voted with her party 98% of the time — even when those policies are harmful to Nebraskans.

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