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Nebraska Farmers Union PAC Endorses Lynne Walz for Governor

LINCOLN, NE – NEBFARMPAC, the political action committee of Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU), Nebraska's second largest general farm organization with nearly 4,000 farm and ranch families, announced its enthusiastic and unanimous endorsement today of former state senator Lynne Walz for Governor and Ben Steffen for Lieutenant Governor in the general election.

"Lynne Walz and Ben Steffen both grew up on family farms that taught them the importance of hard work, and the values of family and community. Sen. Walz supported family farm and ranch agriculture as a state senator. Ben Steffen is a well-known and trusted Nebraska farm and rural leader. Their blueprint "Commitment to Nebraska" includes growing agriculture, sustainable property tax reform, new ag markets, growing the livestock sector and bioeconomy, and prioritizing rural development. The Walz-Steffen team knows that agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and that when farmers and ranchers do well, our state as a whole does well. We believe the Walz-Steffen team will work for and with the entire ag community to deal with the growing farm crisis gripping Nebraska farm and ranch families, and to prioritize doable and sustainable property tax reform," said NEBFARMPAC President Vern Jantzen of Plymouth.

"Lynne Walz and Ben Steffen do their homework, bring people to the table, build consensus, and are committed to solving problems in an inclusive and nonpartisan manner. Lynne Walz has a proven track record in the legislative process of working with everyone to get things done. Ben Steffen has a proven track record as a farm and rural advocate and leader. He understands the challenges ag faces because he lives it every day. Together, the Walz-Steffen team has the right set of experience and leadership skills our state needs to tackle both the farm and state budget crisis. As Governor and Lt. Governor, they will hit the ground running," said NEBFARMPAC Vice President Art Tanderup of Neligh.

"Our PAC board firmly believe the Walz-Steffen team has the right skills, experience, values and vision to help our state deal with the farm crisis we are now facing. When things go well, as voters, we stick with our leaders. When times go poorly, voters make needed changes. Lynne Walz could not have picked a better running mate Ben Steffen for Lieutenant Governor. We know Ben Steffen well. He is a family farmer, President of Ag Builders of Nebraska, Chairman of the Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards, President of the Nebraska Rural Radio Association, and a member of Nebraska's two largest general farm organizations. "We know and trust Lynne Walz and Ben Steffen to say what they mean, and mean what they say. They have earned our trust and support," concluded NEBFARMPAC Secretary John Hansen of Lincoln.

"Right now, Nebraska farmers and ranchers are facing one of the worst financial situations we've seen in decades," said Democratic nominee for Governor Lynne Walz. "Input costs are up, property taxes are up, and trade fights have closed markets our farmers spent generations building. Jim Pillen hasn't done enough to address this crisis. I'm grateful to have the Nebraska Farmers Union with me. As Governor, I'll work as hard for our farmers as they work for us, to lower costs, open new markets, and make sure family farms like the one I grew up on have a future in Nebraska."

NEBFARMPAC is the political action committee of the Nebraska Farmers Union, which is a non-partisan, not-for-profit general farm organization founded in 1913 with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life and economic well-being of family farmers and ranchers and their rural communities. NeFU is the respected voice of family farm and ranch agriculture with nearly 4,000 family memberships.