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## **Media Release**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Property taxes remain out of control and neither the Governor nor the State Legislature has a plan to relieve the growing tax burden on Nebraska families, retirees, farmers, and ranchers. When the Governor called for a special session last year to fix the problem, the State Legislature responded by taking away the 2023 property tax credit. This essentially raised everyone's property taxes instead of lowering them.

It's clear: the system isn't working. But EPIC Option 2.0 is the solution.

EPIC Option 2.0 will eliminate the property tax, personal and corporate income taxes, and the inheritance tax by amending the Nebraska State Constitution through a ballot initiative. In 1966, the people of Nebraska changed the tax code through a successful ballot initiative. We're ready to do it again in 2026.

Despite our presenting a clear plan for implementing a consumption-based tax, it fell on deaf ears in the Legislature due to pressure from lobbyists and special interest groups. Therefore, it is time for the people to rise up, take matters into their own hands, and vote for this ballot initiative. It will amend the Nebraska State Constitution and finally force the Legislature to ignore lobbyists and special interest groups to reform Nebraska's tax code.

The EPIC Option 2.0 ballot initiative will provide the State Legislature with a variety of options, including sales taxes, excise taxes, and consumption taxes. Each of these taxes will be available as a means of taxation, including any combination thereof. Our ballot language is simple, straightforward, and easy to understand.

We are launching the EPIC Option 2.0 ballot initiative today to collect signatures to place it on the 2026 general election ballot.

### **Our Petition Language:**

"Article VIII, Section 14: No governmental entity in the state of Nebraska shall collect property tax, income tax, or inheritance tax beginning January 1, 2028."

### **Our Object Statement:**

A Constitutional Amendment to eliminate Nebraska personal and real property taxes; personal and corporate income taxes; and inheritance taxes.