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Denise Powell sets fundraising record in NE-02, raising $430k in first quarter of campaign, solidifying front runner status

Powell campaign momentum continues to build following Bacon retirement announcement, race ratings changes

Omaha, Neb. – The Denise Powell for Congress campaign announced today that she raised over $430,000 in her campaign's first quarter -- a record for any first time House candidate in Nebraska. More than 75 percent of her funds raised this quarter came from Nebraskans.

Powell's impressive fundraising haul builds on her early momentum, when the campaign raised a historic $215,000 in just the first day of the race. Powell also launched with the support of a broad coalition of local endorsements from nearly 30 elected officials and organizations, demonstrating impressive grassroots and national support for her campaign.

"I am thrilled and humbled to receive such incredible and early support from Nebraskans and people across the country," Powell said*. "It's clear that people are tired of lip service from politicians and ready for someone who is ready to go to Washington to put our communities first. This is our opportunity to send a champion for hardworking Nebraskans to Congress who will finally put a stop to the chaos of the Trump administration."*

The fundraising announcement comes after a whirlwind of news in the district, including an announcement that Congressman Bacon will be retiring after this term and two race rating changes that moved NE-02 from Toss Up to Leans Democrat status from Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball.

Powell, who left a successful career in corporate America to fight for her community, has spent the past decade supporting local leaders, defending Nebraska's public schools, and fighting to block extreme abortion bans. Her campaign will center on bringing down costs for working families and protecting what makes Nebraska a great place to live and raise a family: strong public education, accessible healthcare, support for small businesses, and communities where everyone can thrive.

With deep ties to the district and a clear-eyed view of the challenges facing working families, Powell says Nebraskans are ready for leadership that reflects their values and fights for their future. *"This is a scary and uncertain time for our country and Nebraska families. But it's also a time to be brave – to stand up together, fight for one another, and demand better for our state."*

About Denise

Denise Powell is a mom, former executive, small business owner, public school champion and healthcare advocate who knows that a strong work ethic and a love of family and community is the Nebraska way of life. She also knows the *Good Life* is getting harder to come by. It's why after Trump's election she left a successful career in corporate America to focus on fighting for what makes Nebraska such a special place to live and raise a family. Over the past decade, she has supported hundreds of Nebraskans running for local office, protected our public schools and the families they serve, and helped stop extremists from passing abortion bans in the state.

Every day, we see more of our friends and neighbors struggling to make ends meet while Donald Trump and MAGA extremists are focused on trade wars that are increasing our cost of living and passing massive tax breaks for billionaires like Elon Musk. Strong families, strong businesses, strong communities - they ALL require work and investment, but everything we've fought for here at home is under threat. From dismantling Medicaid and making it harder for seniors to get the benefits they've earned, to dismantling education, from the University of Nebraska to our public schools, to attacking our veterans and ripping away women's rights -- Denise is running to fight for the people of Nebraska. We don't need lip service from politicians, we need action.

For more information, visit deniseforcongress.org. For a high-resolution picture of Denise, click here.

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