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Ms. Jane Kleeb, Chairwoman  
Nebraska Democratic Party  
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Ms. Kleeb:

As long-time Democrats registered in Nebraska, we are deeply concerned with the resolution recently adopted by your State Central Committee that falsely and maliciously denigrates a fellow Democrat and respected public servant.

This personal attack and rebuke of the top law enforcement officer in Douglas County is unacceptable, and the suggestion that this honorable man abused his office in a way “that perpetuates white supremacy and racism” is unconscionable.

Instead of taking meaningful action to promote equality and justice, this action by the state Democratic Party encourages the kind of dangerous and irresponsible rhetoric that further divides our community and our country.


Currently, Nebraska Democrats actively seek the endorsement and support of law enforcement organizations not just to campaign, but also to collaborate on platforms and policies that will improve policing. The Omaha Police Officers’ Association and Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police have enthusiastically endorsed Democrats for State Senator, Mayor, and Governor.


Nebraska Democrats could lead by example and provide a voice for progress but has instead capitulated to the irrational and extremist intentions of those seeking to defund the police and target with hateful purpose those with opposing views.

Instead, this Party now gives a platform to radical activists like JaKeen Fox, the author of this despicable resolution, who has publicly memorialized the murderer of police officers.

With this outrageous action from state party officials and the increased hostility from your candidates and elected leaders, the clear message has been sent that men and women of law enforcement have no place in the Nebraska Democratic Party.

Respectfully,

  
Sgt. Anthony Conner, President  
Omaha Police Officers Association

  
Jim Maguire, President  
Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police

