Dear Senator (Insert Senator Name),

On behalf of (Insert Business Name or Name Here) I would ask you to quickly enact targeted liability relief legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can do this by supporting and passing LB139.

Right now, countless health care workers and facilities, as well as businesses and non-profit organizations of all types and sizes are open and rallying to help our state endure and emerge from this crisis.

As we work to keep our communities safe and provide for Nebraskans, we are doing our best to navigate and adhere to evolving and changing applicable guidelines. And we are concerned that, despite our best efforts we will be forced to defend against meritless lawsuits. This prospect and associated costs threaten Nebraska’s social and economic recovery.

Complicating the issue, liability insurance plans are not structured to accommodate large-scale, legal exposure due to a pandemic, and many small businesses are already struggling to keep their doors open. While a federal legislative solution is preferable, Congress remains at an impasse on a relief plan anticipated to provide employer liability protections.

The need for liability protections as outlined in LB139 is clear. Several governors and state legislatures have already implemented COVID-19-related liability protections in their states. Now is the time for Nebraska to take strong action to stop a growing wave of lawsuits from getting in the way of what we all want and need: healthy citizens and a strong economy.

LB139 was introduced this session and would accomplish the following:

* + Support compliance with applicable safety standards and regulations.
  + Safeguard the right to file claims of gross negligence and willful misconduct.
  + Restrict civil actions alleging injury resulting from COVID-19 exposure to only those claims involving a serious injury or death.
  + Reinforce protection for healthcare workers providing care and treatment for Nebraskans during the pandemic.
  + Sunset when the legal risk due to COVID-19 is lessened after a reasonable period of recovery.

LB139 focuses on safety first, encouraging Nebraskans to do what is right. LB139 also provides targeted and limited liability protections that are warranted and needed by the essential businesses and sectors doing their part to help Nebraska recover stronger from this pandemic. Please support LB139.

Sincerely,

(Insert Signature/Name Here)