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Headline: "Trump Gives 'Total Endorsement' To Brinker Harding In NE-02" [Nebraska Examiner, 4/14/26]

Trump Endorsed Brinker Harding For Congress In Nebraska 2nd District, Saying Harding Would Work With Him To Advance Trump's Priorities. "President Donald Trump made his support for the presumptive Republican nominee for the U.S. House known Tuesday in Nebraska's most politically divided and diverse congressional district. […] Trump said, in his social media post on Truth Social, that Harding has 'dedicated his life to serving his Community.' 'As your next Congressman, Brinker will work tirelessly to Champion our Amazing Farmers and Ranchers, Grow our Economy, Cut Taxes and Regulations, Promote MADE IN THE U.S.A., Unleash American Energy DOMINANCE, Keep our Border SECURE, Stop Migrant Crime, Ensure LAW AND ORDER, Support our Brave Military, Veterans, and Law Enforcement, and Protect our always under siege Second Amendment,' Trump wrote." [Nebraska Examiner, 4/14/26]

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Harding Was A Member Of The NRCC's "MAGA Majority"

April 2026: The National Republican Congressional Committee Added Brinker Harding To Its "MAGA Majority" Program, Promising Big D.C. Republican Support For Harding's Campaign. "Today, National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) Chairman Richard Hudson (R-NC) announced the additions of Jim Desmond (CA-48), Aaron Flint (MT-01), Brinker Harding (NE-02), Greg Cunningham (NM-02), Carrie Buck (NV-01), Marty O'Donnell (NV-03), Eric Conroy (OH-01), and John Braun (WA-03) to the MAGA Majority program, as the NRCC continues building a strong pipeline of America First candidates to help protect and expand the House Republican majority in 2026. 'House Republicans are on offense, and this latest round of MAGA Majority candidates proves we're not slowing down. These are battle-tested leaders who reflect their districts and are ready to take the fight to vulnerable Democrats. With the right candidates in place early, we're expanding the map and putting more seats firmly in play for 2026.' – NRCC Chairman Richard Hudson" [NRCC Press Release, 4/27/26]

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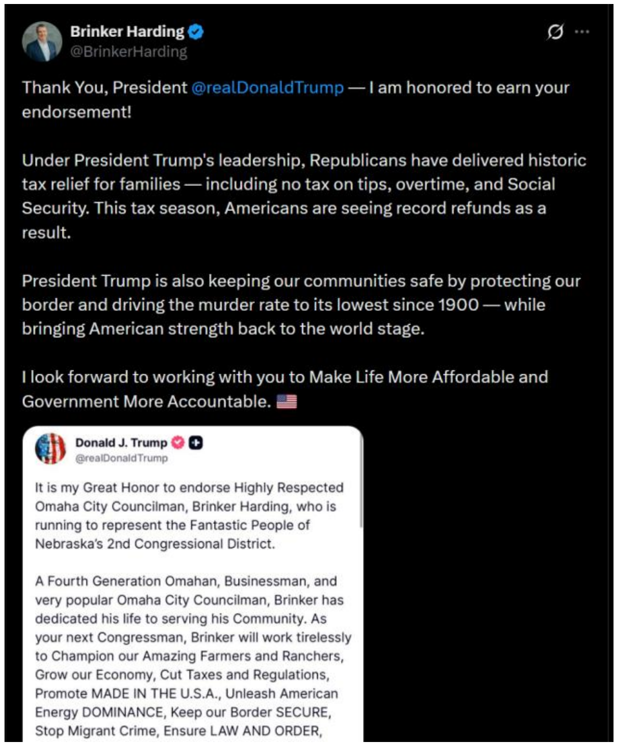

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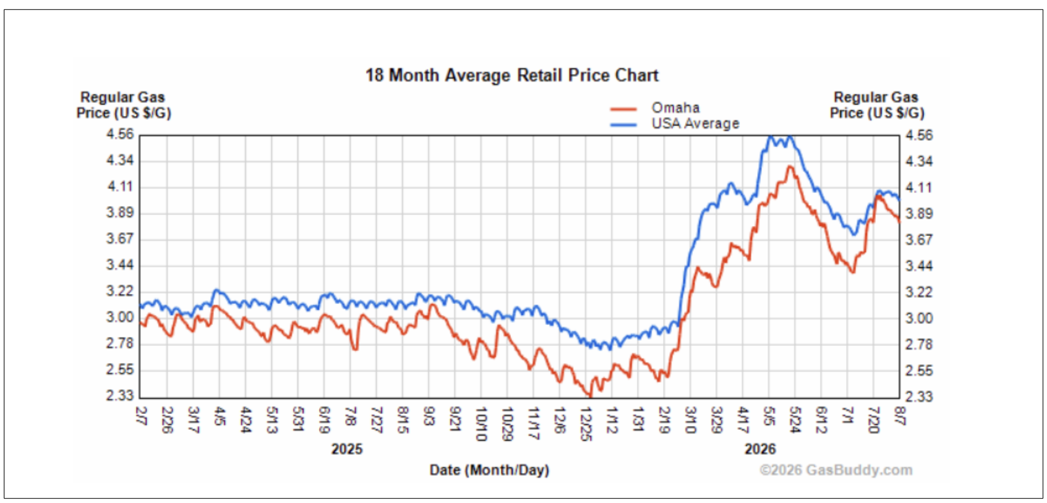
The Iran War Sent Gas And Fuel Prices Skyrocketing

Iran Responded To US And Israeli Attacks By Closing The Strait Of Hormuz, A Major Route For Oil Markets, Significantly Reducing Shipping Traffic And Disrupting The Supply Of Oil Worldwide. “U.S. and Israeli military operations against Iran since February 2026 and subsequent Iranian military action throughout the Persian Gulf have raised concern about oil and natural gas markets in relation to the Strait of Hormuz (the Strait). Starting on March 4, 2026, Iranian forces have declared the Strait ‘closed,’ threatening and carrying out attacks on ships attempting to transit the Strait. In light of a considerable decrease in shipping traffic, President Donald Trump has raised the prospect of U.S. actions intended to reestablish free transit of the Strait. The Strait, which borders Iran and Oman, is a key waterway, particularly for the transit of oil and natural gas and other commodities—including helium, fertilizers, and other industrial products—to world markets. Roughly 27% of the world's maritime trade in crude oil and petroleum products goes through the Strait. Additionally, 20% of global liquefied natural gas (LNG) trade passes through the Strait. The Strait's role as a critical conduit for oil and natural gas resources to reach global markets establishes its importance to the global economy.” [Congressional Research Service, 3/11/26]

Americans Were Spending Around $1 Billion More Per Day On Higher Fuel Costs Than Before The Iran War. “As the war drags on, U.S. consumers are now spending around $1 billion more per day in higher fuel costs than they were before the start of the war, according to longtime oil industry analyst Andy Lipow. $550 million of that comes from gas prices alone, but it also the reflects a sharp rise in the price of jet fuel, diesel and other energy products.” [NBC News, 5/4/26]

Omaha, Nebraska Gas Prices Soared After Trump Started A War With Iran. [GasBuddy, Omaha Gas Prices Chart, accessed 8/7/26]



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The Hill Headline: "US Consumers Shouldering 55 Percent Of Trump Tariff Costs: Goldman Sachs." [The Hill, 10/13/25]

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Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries. "President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration's policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump's tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons." [CNN, 9/20/25]

- **Axios Headline: "Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up."** [Axios, 9/11/25]

- **News ABC 12 Headline: "Trump's Tariffs Could Lead To Higher Grocery Bills As NC Farmers Face Export Challenges."** [News ABC 12, 4/2/25]

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- **CNBC Headline: "Inside America's Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up."** [CNBC, 7/2/25]

- **The Guardian Headline: "Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says."** [The Guardian, 6/26/25]

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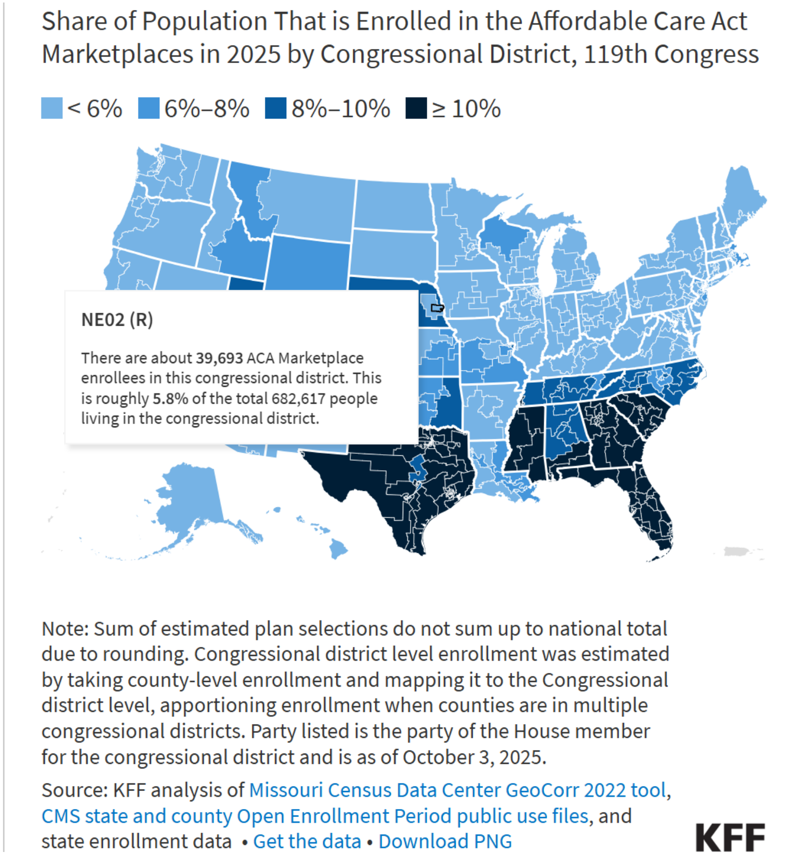

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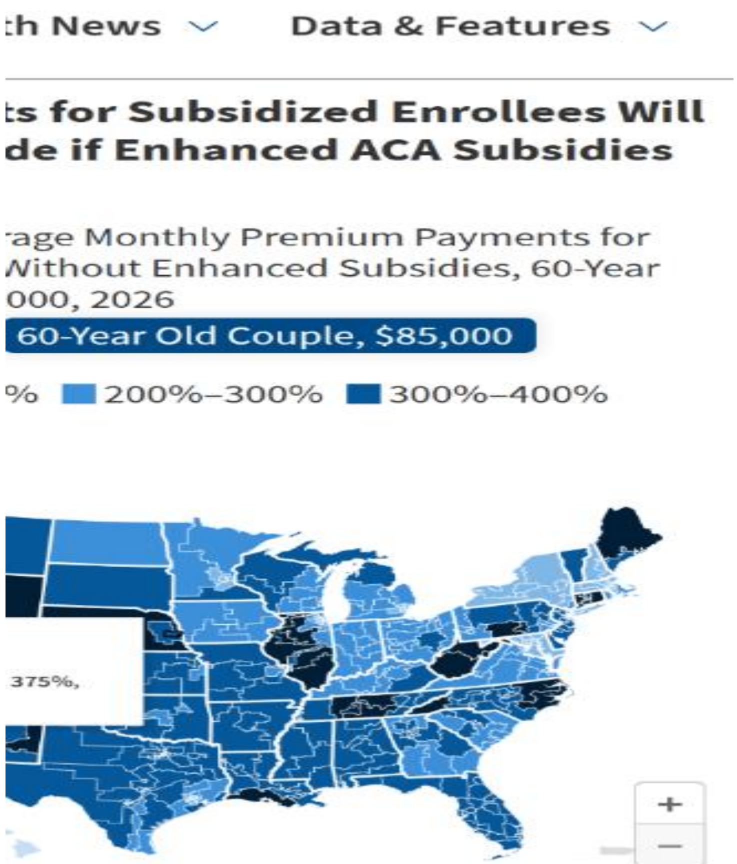

KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026. "For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases." [Health System Tracker, 8/6/25]

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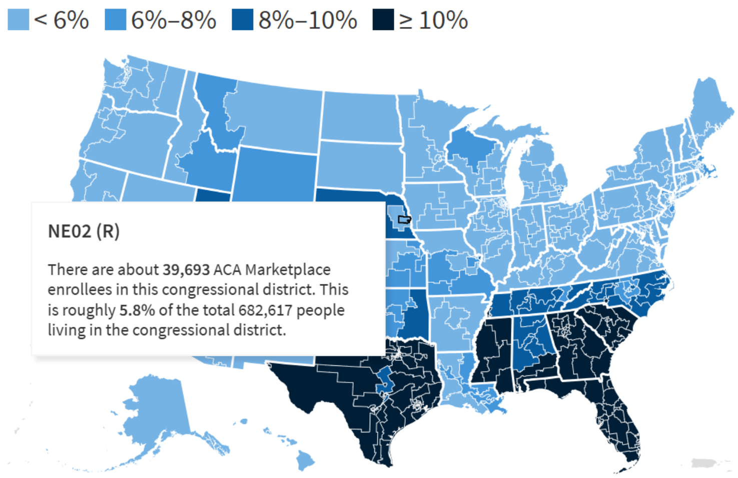

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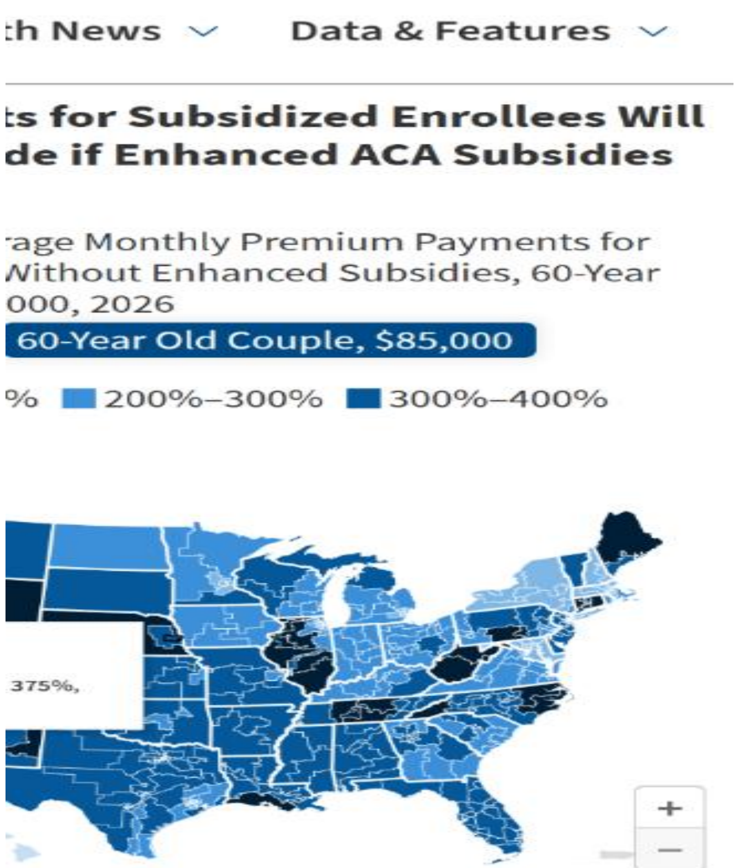

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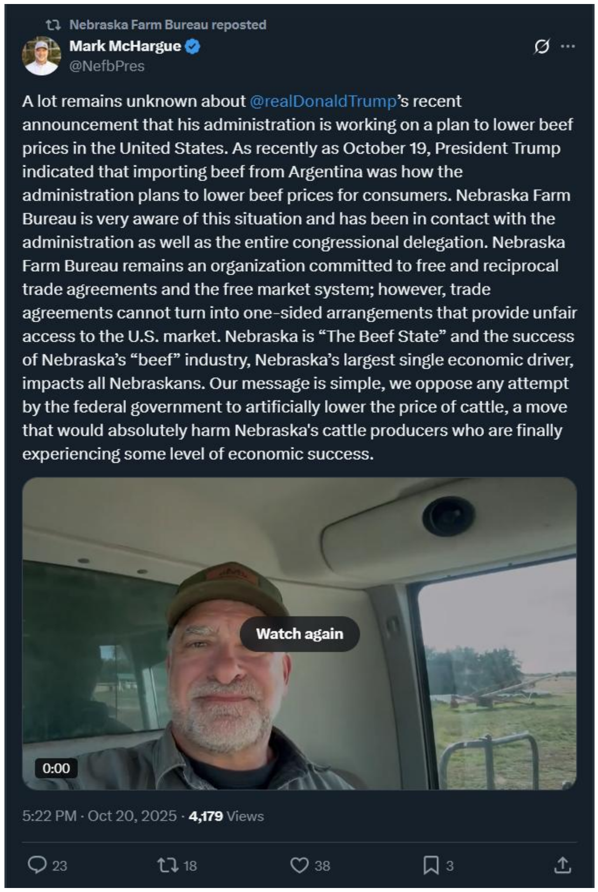

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Bacon: "In Nebraska, The GDP Here Has Decreased By 6 Percent Over The Last Year, And It's All About Trade. It's All About Getting Corn And Soybeans Out The Door." "A Republican congressman has warned that tariffs are having an outsized impact on his state's economy. 'We're now in a troubled time,' Nebraska Representative Don Bacon told CNN on Monday. 'And honestly, in Nebraska, the GDP here has decreased by 6 percent over the last year,' he continued. 'And it's all about trade. It's all about getting corn and soybeans out the door.'" [Newsweek, 8/5/25]

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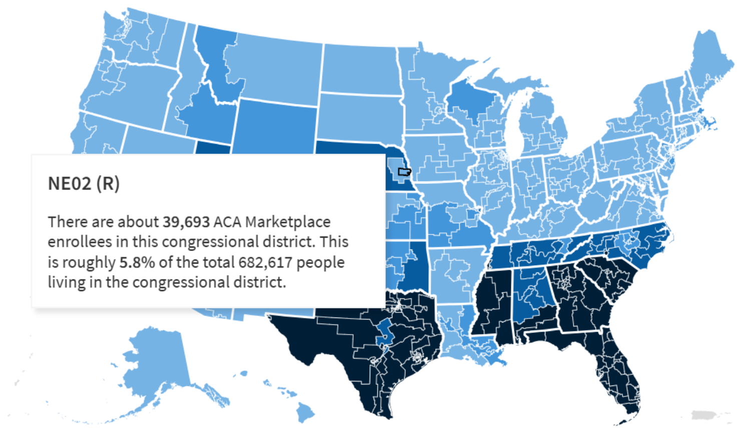

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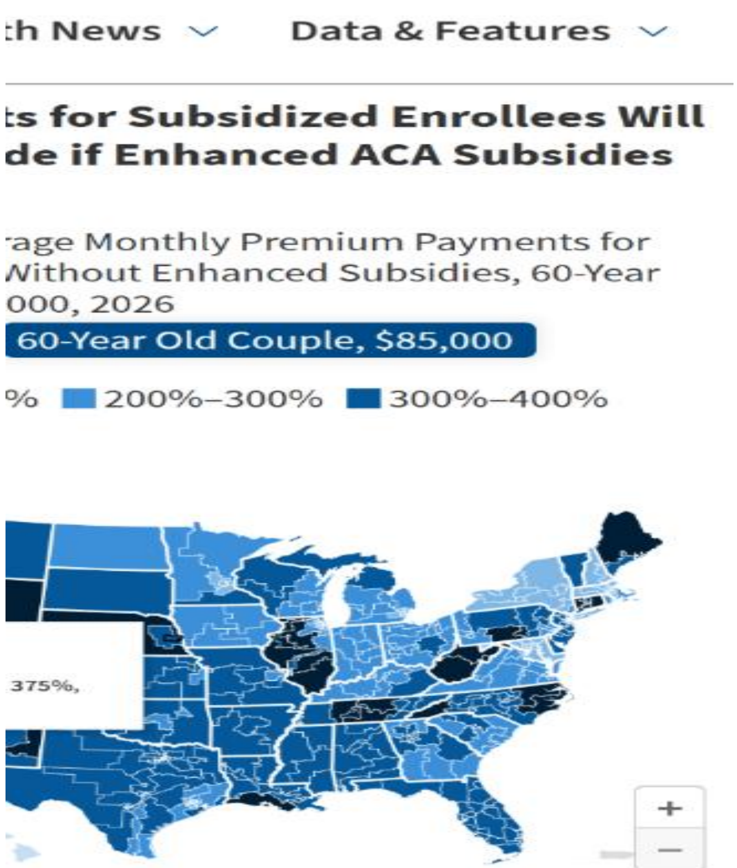

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And Forcing Nebraska Hospitals To Close.

Curtis Medical Center In Rural Nebraska Closed Its Doors In Response To The Big Beautiful Bill's Medicaid Cuts

Curtis Medical Center In Nebraska Announced It Would Close In Light Of The Big Beautiful Bill's Medicaid Cuts. "Community Hospital in McCook has announced the impending closure of Curtis Medical Center, citing financial difficulties and uncertainty over future federal funding as key factors in the decision. The exact date for the closure has not been set. Curtis Medical Center has been a cornerstone of healthcare in the Curtis community and surrounding areas for over 30 years, offering essential services to families, students, and individuals in this rural region. The decision to close the facility follows a thorough evaluation of financial sustainability and resource allocation. […] 'We are deeply grateful to the Curtis community for their unwavering support and trust over 30 years. This clinic has been a vital part of our mission to deliver quality healthcare close to home. Unfortunately, the current financial environment, driven by anticipated federal budget cuts to Medicaid, has made it impossible for us to continue operating all of our services, many of which have faced significant financial challenges for years. We remain committed to supporting our patients through this transition and ensuring continuity of care.'" [NTV, 7/2/25]

Denise Powell Message #1 Backup

Denise Powell is a business owner, PTA mom, and bipartisan leader who will bring both parties together to take on government corruption and lower costs for families.

Denise Powell Is A Business Owner,

Powell Was A Small Business Owner And Former Architecture Firm Partner

Nebraska Examiner: Powell Was A "Former Architecture Firm Partner And Small Business Owner." "Though Powell hasn't held an elected office, she has played a role in Nebraska politics. She has helped with organizing recent ballot initiatives seeking to codify the right to an abortion, which failed, and to repeal a publicly funded voucher program for private K-12 schools, which succeeded. She said her experience running the Women Run Nebraska, a political action committee that aims to get more women in elected office, has shown her just how much people from all parties 'care deeply about their communities.' She is a former architecture firm partner and small business owner." [Nebraska Examiner, 5/1/25]

PTA Mom,

Powell Joined Her Local PTA

Powell Described Herself As A "PTA Mom" Who Cared Deeply About Nebraska Schools. "Our schools are so important to our communities. They're a safe haven for so many kids and families, and so much of the work they do goes unrewarded and sometimes unnoticed. Education - and supporting our schools - is a top priority for me, both as a PTA mom and as a Nebraskan who cares deeply about the future of our state." [Facebook, Denise Powell for Congress, 11/21/25]

Powell Was A PTA Member. "From PTA meetings to board rooms, I hear from Nebraskans of all walks of life that they're feeling the pinch. Grocery costs are skyrocketing, small businesses are struggling, and thousands of Nebraskans are about to lose access to their health insurance or have just seen their premiums skyrocket. Our farmers are unsure how they're going to make it to next season, and veterans and children are losing access to food assistance programs that help keep families afloat during difficult times. Donald Trump and Washington Republicans promised to lower costs and make life better for Nebraskans, yet every day they show that they care more about making billionaires richer than helping everyday people." [Denise Powell Priorities, accessed 8/7/26]

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Powell Supported Ending Corruption In Washington By Banning Congressional Stock Trading And Supporting Term Limits

Powell Supported Ethics Reforms To Reign In Corruption In Washington Like Banning Members Of Congress From Trading Stock And Implementing Term Limits For Members Of Congress. "I've talked to thousands of Nebraskans over the past decade and they've made their point clear: many have lost faith in the government and believe politicians are looking out only for themselves, and not the people they were elected to represent. Donald Trump has turned the U.S. Treasury into his personal piggy bank, enriching himself and his cronies on the backs of hardworking Americans. Nebraskans deserve better. In Congress, I will: Ban Congressional stock trading. Enact term limits in Congress to fight corruption and ensure new thinking and ideas. Pass an Ethics Code for the Supreme Court that bans special interest gifts, requires financial disclosure, and recusal requirements when there's a conflict of interest. Overturn Citizens United and get dark money out of politics once and for all.” [Denise Powell Priorities, accessed 8/7/26]

Powell Had Plans To Lower Costs For Working Families In Nebraska

Powell Supported Lowering Costs For Nebraskans By Ending Trump’s Tariffs, Lowering Health Care Premiums, Expanding Access To Childcare, And Building More Affordable Housing. “As a working mom and small business owner, I know how hard it can be to manage a family budget, especially when the cost of just about everything continues to skyrocket. From groceries to energy bills to healthcare, costs continue to rise, putting a major strain on families all across the district. In Congress, I will: Stop Trump’s illegal tariffs to help bring down the costs of items Nebraska families need every day. Expand clean energy production to bring down costs in the short term while protecting our environment in the long run. Build more high-quality, affordable housing that is attainable for first-time homebuyers and middle-class families. Fight to keep healthcare premiums down so that every family can afford to see a doctor when they need to. Address the need for more affordable, high-quality childcare, investing in Head Start programs and childcare centers, so that working parents have the support they need to get ahead while knowing their children are well cared for.” [Denise Powell Priorities, accessed 8/7/26]

Denise Powell Message #2 Backup

Denise doesn't accept a dime of corporate PAC money and says that politicians in Washington are rigging the system against regular people, and she will lead the charge to ban members of Congress from trading stocks, ban members of Congress from becoming lobbyists, and make sure politicians in Washington are focused on helping working people, not lining their own pockets.

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And Says That Politicians In Washington Are Rigging The System Against Regular People,

Powell Says People Have Lost Trust In Government Because Politicians Look Out For Themselves

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Ban Members Of Congress From Becoming Lobbyists,

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Powell Said She Would Push For A Lifetime Ban On Members Of Congress From Becoming Lobbyists After Leaving Congress. "I've talked to thousands of Nebraskans over the past decade and they've made their point clear: many have lost faith in the government and believe politicians are looking out only for themselves, and not the people they were elected to represent. Donald Trump has turned the U.S. Treasury into his personal piggy bank, enriching himself and his cronies on the backs of hardworking Americans. Nebraskans deserve better. In Congress, I will: Ban Congressional stock trading. Pass a lifetime ban on members of Congress from becoming lobbyists. Enact term limits in Congress to fight corruption and ensure new thinking and ideas. Pass an Ethics Code for the Supreme Court that bans special interest gifts, requires financial disclosure, and recusal requirements when there's a conflict of interest. Overturn Citizens United and get dark money out of politics once and for all." [Denise Powell Priorities, accessed 8/10/26]

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Backup above.

Denise Powell Message #3 Backup

Denise Powell believes that no one should go broke just because they get sick, and no one should need to choose between filling a prescription and filling the fridge. She brought both parties together to fight to expand access to health care in Nebraska, and in Congress she'll take on our broken health care system by reversing devastating health care cuts that have caused premiums to skyrocket and standing up to the big drug and insurance companies jacking up costs.

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Powell Said Too Many Families In Nebraska Were Forced To Choose Between Their Health Care Or Their Necessities

Powell Said "Far Too Many Families In This District" Found Themselves Forced To Either See A Doctor Or Pay Rent, Or Fill Either Their Prescription Or Their Fridge. "Far too many families in this district find themselves forced to choose between seeing a doctor and paying their rent. Filling a prescription instead of filling the fridge. Many families are one health emergency away from financial ruin." [Denise Powell for Congress Priorities, accessed 8/7/26]

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Powell Worked With Both Parties To Protect Reproductive Health Care In Nebraska

Women Who Run Nebraska, A Group Powell Founded, Worked To Prevent A Total Abortion Ban In Nebraska

Women Who Run Nebraska Opposed A Total Abortion Ban Bill In Nebraska. "The past week has been a busy one in the Nebraska State Legislature. If you haven't been glued to the proceedings like we have, here are a few bills that have been introduced: 1. A bill that would remove any permit requirements for carrying a concealed weapon in the state. 2. A bill allowing doctors to deny care based on their personal beliefs. 3. A bill that would shorten the window for early voting, and ban underfunded County Election departments from accepting private grants and contributions to run effective elections. 4. A bill to adopt the (misleadingly named) Heartbeat Act and another bill to put a total ban on abortion (including emergency contraception) should the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade." [Facebook, Women Who Run Nebraska, 1/13/22]

Powell Co-Founded Women Who Run Nebraska In 2017. "Denise Blaya Powell and Leanne Prewitt attended the Women's March in Washington D.C., in January of 2017, and returned to Omaha fired up and determined to do something positive to change things for women and families in Nebraska. Rather than focusing solely on #resisting the administration, we founded Women Who Run Nebraska to make it easier for women to get involved in politics in Nebraska. What started as letter writing quickly turned into candidate forums and meet and greets. That expanded to candidate training programs, voter outreach events, financial assistance, campaign publicity–basically any and everything we could to support our amazing candidates. Today, the organization provides all of this and more with the addition of She's Electable Nebraska, LLC, providing contract campaign services." [Women Who Run Nebraska, accessed 8/7/26]

A Bipartisan Group Of Nebraska Legislators Defeated A Total Abortion Ban Bill From Becoming Law

The Nebraska Legislature Failed To Advance A Total Abortion Ban By One Vote After A Republican Senator Joined Democrats In Not Supporting The Bill. "The Nebraska Legislature fell one vote short Thursday of advancing a ban on abortions after an ultrasound detects embryonic cardiac activity, at about six weeks into a pregnancy. Republican State Sen. Joni Albrecht's Legislative Bill 626, fell in a similar fashion as the near-total abortion ban proposed last year. Both lost to Democratic-led filibusters in the officially nonpartisan Legislature. Albrecht needed 33 votes to end debate on the bill. She got 32, with two senators — Merv Riepe of Ralston and Justin Wayne of Omaha — voting 'present, not voting.' Thursday's vote means LB 626 is likely dead for 2023, although it's possible the bill could be revived, political observers said. Previous Legislatures have sometimes found ways to resurrect bills after a filibuster, if supporters can secure enough votes — in this case, one more. But either Riepe or Wayne would have to vote differently. Both are considered swing votes. Gov. Jim Pillen, shortly after the vote, called on Riepe, a fellow Republican, to reconsider his vote. He said Riepe should remember his pledge to be a pro-life senator. 'Pro-life has shades of gray,' Riepe said after the vote." [Nebraska Examiner, 4/27/23]

And In Congress She'll Take On Our Broken Health Care System By Reversing Devastating Health Care Cuts

Powell Supported Measures To Make Health Care More Affordable For Nebraskans And Reverse Cuts To Medicaid

Powell Supported Lowering Health Costs For Nebraskans By Expanding Medicare's Powers To Negotiate Drug Prices Down, Create A Public Option, And Take On Insurance Companies That Deny People The Health Care They Need. "Far too many families in this district find themselves forced to choose between seeing a doctor and paying their rent. Filling a prescription instead of filling the fridge. Many families are one health emergency away from financial ruin. In Congress, I will: Take on big pharmaceutical companies by requiring Medicare to negotiate prices for more prescription drugs and capping insulin costs at $35 a month for everyone. Taking on insurance companies that unfairly deny people coverage for needed health care. Work to create a Medicare-like public option that gives every American the choice of affordable coverage while protecting private insurance for those who want it. Build on the Affordable Care Act to make sure that – no matter how they access their health insurance – families aren't forced to spend an unreasonable share of their income on premiums and deductibles." [Denise Powell Priorities, accessed 8/7/26]

Powell Called On Congress To Reverse Cuts To Medicaid. "Following the House vote today to extend enhanced Affordable Care Act subsidies for three years, Denise Powell has issued the following statement: 'Nebraskans' healthcare premiums have already more than doubled because this Republican Congress decided they would rather play games with their lives than support policies that keep healthcare affordable and accessible for more people. Now, it's time for the Senate to pass this measure to bring costs back down and for Congress to take the next step in restoring access to healthcare by reversing their cuts to Medicaid. On the campaign trail, I hear stories every single day from people in our community who have had their insurance premiums skyrocket or who have decided for the first time not to get insurance at all because of the cost. You'll always be able to count on me to listen to you and bring your stories with me when I'm fighting for you in Washington.'" [Denise Powell for Congress Press Release, 1/8/26]

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KFF: "CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034." [KFF, 8/20/25]

HEADLINE: "Congress Officially Passes Trump's Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid." [Rolling Stone, 7/3/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick More Than 15,000 People In NE-02 Off Their Health Insurance

September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 15,000 People In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans' Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. "According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)'s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans' cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO's analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

NE-02: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	**Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage**	**Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance**
7,600	8,157	15,757

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September 2025]

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Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In NE-02 Were Projected To Lose $47,230,355 As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, 7/8/25]

Projected Cuts To NE-02 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill			
Hospital	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue**
The Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha	68198	$20,359,014
Chi Health Creighton University Berg	Omaha	68124	$12,043,682
Nebraska Methodist Hospital	Omaha	68114	$6,618,342
Chi Health Immanuel	Omaha	68122	$4,930,814
Chi Health Lakeside	Omaha	68130	$2,094,859
Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital LLC	Omaha	68144	$608,276
Nebraska Spine Hospital	Omaha	68122	$236,027
Saunders County Health Services	Wahoo	68066	$216,075
Midwest Surgical Hospital	Omaha	68114	$123,266
Total:			**$47,230,355**

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The One Big Beautiful Bill And Trump's Tariffs Made Health Care More Expensive For More Than 39,000 NE-02 Residents That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans

2025: More Than 136,000 Individuals In Nebraska Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, 4/2/25]

Number Of Nebraska Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
State	**ACA Marketplace Enrollees**
Nebraska	136,684

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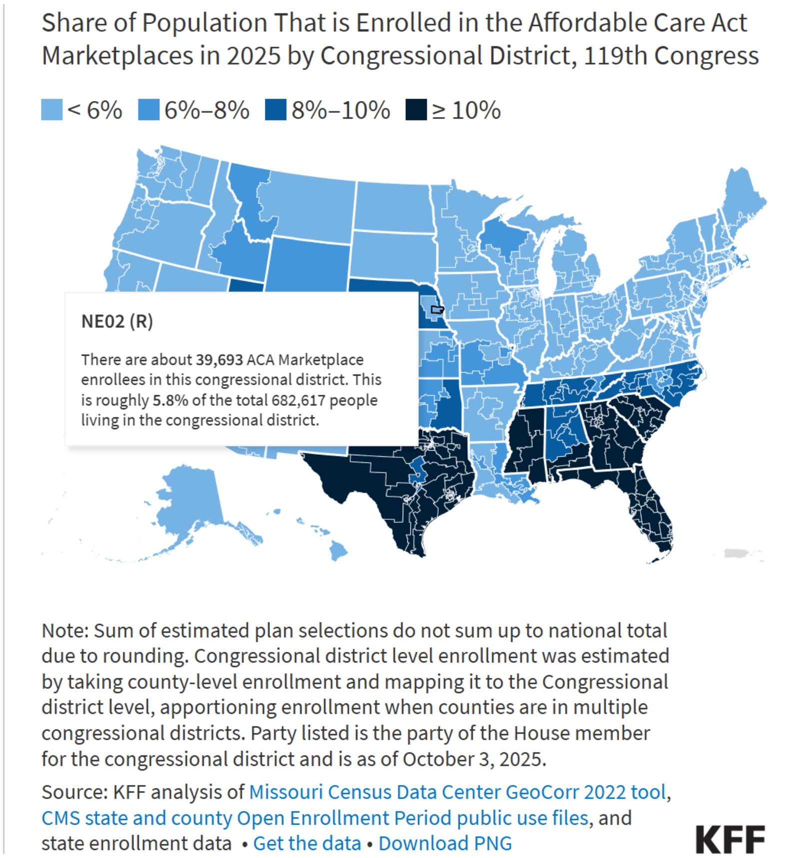
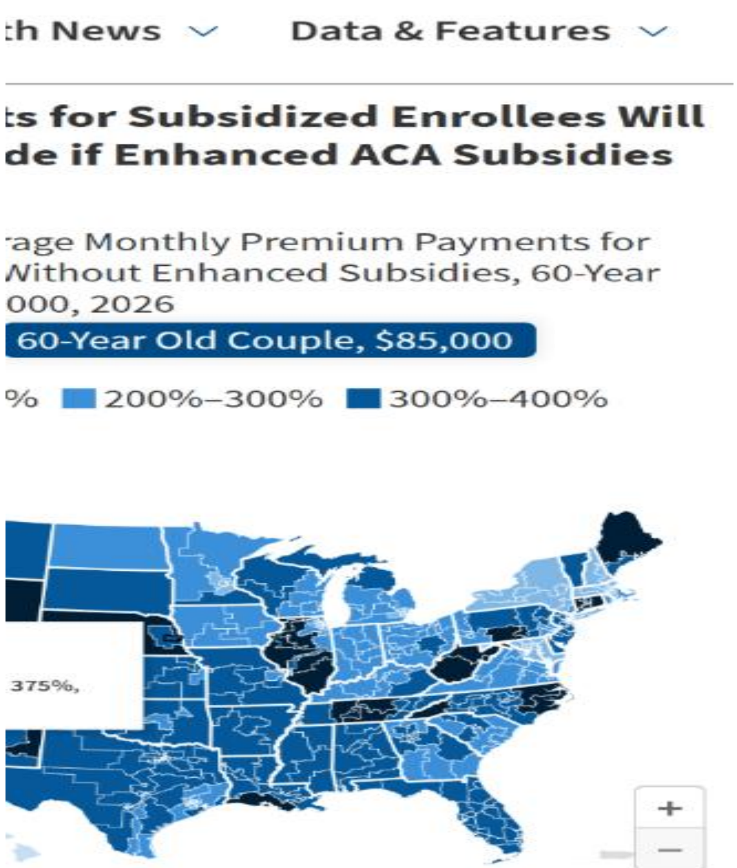
District	**ACA Marketplace Enrollees**
NE-02	39,693

[KFF, 10/3/25]



2025: Premiums For The Average 60-Year-Old Couple Making $85,000 A Year In NE-02 For A Benchmark ACA Marketplace Plan Would Increase By 375% To $2,858 A Month. [KFF, 10/3/25]



KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026. "For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases." [Health System Tracker, 8/6/25]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. "The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike." [Center for American Progress, 7/29/25]

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Cuts To Medicaid Could Accelerate Health Care Provider Consolidation And Reduce Competition In Hospital Markets, Which Would Lead To Increased Private Insurance Costs

Third Way: "Medicaid Cuts Would Squeeze Health Care Providers And Accelerate Consolidation—Further Raising Prices On Care For Patients With Private Insurance." "As part of the partisan reconciliation process, congressional Republicans are considering $880 billion in cuts to Medicaid. While these cuts would severely impact the health and finances of low-income Americans, the consequences would reach far beyond Medicaid enrollees. Medicaid cuts would destabilize the broader health care system, ultimately driving up costs for employers and workers who rely on private insurance. In this memo, we unpack how workers and employers are struggling with health care costs. We then examine how Medicaid cuts would squeeze health care providers and accelerate consolidation—further raising prices on care for patients with private insurance." [Third Way, 5/1/25]

Medicaid Cuts Could Lead To Hospital Consolidation, Which Could Lead To Higher Prices For Employers When Big Health Care Systems Buy Up Struggling Hospitals. "Large-scale cuts to the Medicaid program would increase the number of hospitals and other providers that struggle financially. And cuts would lead to higher prices for employers when big health care systems buy up struggling hospitals. When Medicaid funding is cut, these providers are forced to absorb more uncompensated care and may have to reduce services, lay off staff, or shut down altogether. As more providers feel the financial stress of Medicaid cuts, they are more likely to consider a merger. Roughly a third of hospitals involved in merger and acquisition discussions are financially distressed." [Third Way, 5/1/25]

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And Standing Up To The Big Drug And Insurance Companies Jacking Up Costs.

Powell Promised To Stand Up To Big Drug And Insurance Companies

Powell Called For The Government To "Bat Against These Big Health Insurance Companies Who Are Making These Decisions On Who And What Gets Coverage, Who Gets Their Care Paid For." "Powell said mending what Trump cut would 'stabilize' the healthcare system, but there is also a need to rebuild it in a 'way that works better for people.' She hopes Congress will streamline the healthcare bureaucracy through technology and said she wants to extend the Affordable Care Act premium tax credits. 'I do think a piece of this is that the government should be going to bat against these big health insurance companies who are making these decisions on who and what gets coverage, who gets their care paid for,' Powell said. Powell said she has talked to voters who like their private insurance and labor groups with members who like what they have negotiated in health insurance, but she said people should have 'real choices' in a public option, one that includes dental and vision coverage." [Nebraska Examiner, 5/7/26]

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