

# Nebraska State Legislature

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Robert W. Hotz and Members of the Commission,

I am writing today in regards to a recent TERC ruling set forth by the commission that plans to raise commercial property valuations in Dodge County by 37%. While I appreciate the difficult task of assessing the properties and setting the valuations for different classes and subclasses within a county to achieve equalization I have concerns about this specific ruling.

To start with it is my understanding that last year the same commercial valuations were increased by 10%. I believe this was necessary to bring us in line with the rest of the state. However, adding another 37% on top of that would bring the two year increase to almost 50%. This is quite a stark increase and I am concerned about the effect this will have on our local small businesses and our community. This in combination with the effects that we are seeing from the COVID-19 epidemic gives me grave concern for the economic well-being of Dodge County. I would implore you to adjust your ruling in a manner to reflect the situation that is surrounding us.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue and as always if I can help answer any further questions I would encourage you to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne Walz".

Senator Lynne Walz