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Chancellor Ronnie Green
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Chancellor Green,

Over the past two evenings, thousands of students have publicly shown their criticism of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln administration's handling of sexual assault cases on campus, including a lack of support for survivors of sexual violence. It is clear that University leadership has already lost the trust of a significant portion of the student body on basic issues of safety on campus. We empathize with these students and their advocacy, and are deeply concerned that these issues have been of repeated public concern over the last several years.

As legislators, we have heard similar concerns from a number of students and staff over the years - both from individuals who reached out to our offices confidentially, and from student organizations such as DearUNL who have made their concerns public. We are also aware that the University is currently subject to multiple lawsuits related to its Title IX compliance.

We are appreciative that the University developed an initial committee report from the Campuswide Collaborate on Sexual Misconduct, which was mentioned in your statement yesterday afternoon. However, that report was released almost eleven months ago and it appears that the fears and concerns of students on campus have clearly risen since then.

We are writing to you because we stand in solidarity with our students seeking a safer campus. In order to support our students we are asking you to support increased transparency and accountability in the University's Title IX office and processes, and to listen and work with the students who are continuing to raise urgent concerns for their safety.

Sincerely,

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Senator Matt Hansen
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