February 2, 2012

Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairman
Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 1004
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: Chamber Coalition Support for University of Nebraska “Building a Healthier Nebraska” Initiative as proposed under LB 1055, LB 1065, LB 1066, and LB 1089.

Dear Chairman Heidemann and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

We write as the 2012 Chairs of the Omaha, Lincoln, and State Chambers of Commerce to urge your support for the package of legislative bills being offered by the University of Nebraska, which is collectively referred to as the Building a Healthier Nebraska Initiative.

From a business perspective, the University of Nebraska is well known as a key component of our current and future prospects for high-impact economic growth. The package of bills that you will be hearing today represents key investments and funding for what we view as productive public investments. We believe the statewide aspect, as well as the public/private collaborations and investments involved in each of these proposals, makes them uniquely important to the future economic health of our state.

The proposals are very important to sustain the current statewide success the University has achieved in these key strategic areas for our state’s long-term growth.

We urge your support for LB 1055, LB 1065, LB 1066, and LB 1089.

Sincerely,

Nate Dodge, Chairman
Greater Omaha Chamber

Steve Ford, Chairman
State Chamber

Tom Henning, Chairman
Lincoln Chamber