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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Legislature State Capitol Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning LB 470e and LB 470Ae without my signature and with my objections. I consulted with the Nebraska Attorney General on whether LB 470e was unconstitutional under the Nebraska Constitution. Ensuring legislation complies with the limits established by the Constitution is our primary obligation to Nebraskans.

The Attorney General found LB 470, violates Article VIII, section 1 as the bill attempts to redefine real property as tangible personal property. Relying on this opinion, I have vetoed LB 470e and LB 470Ae. While I have no specific objections to the underlying policy contained within LB 470e, I will not sign a bill that the Attorney General has found violates the Nebraska Constitution.

For these reasons, I have vetoed LB 470e and LB 470Ae.

Pete Ricketts

Governor