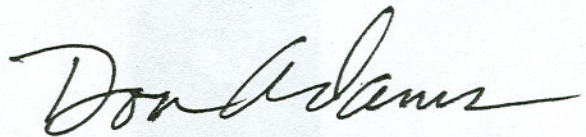


In defense of our irrigation rights, all ag groups should unite as one voice, much like the businesses that comprise the Omaha Chamber of Commerce do when it comes to protecting their corporate tax break laws which they believe are vital to their ability to operate and prosper. They play hardball, speak as one, don't compromise, and fight as hard as they must to ensure their tax break laws are in no way weakened. Ag groups should follow this example of unity, strength and commitment when it comes to defending our irrigation rights. If we did, we could not lose.

I still believe that Omaha and Lincoln senators appreciate the importance of irrigation and respect the fact that Nebraska's number one industry is agriculture. They are not predisposed or otherwise inclined to do harm to us. It is only when we send them half-hearted, fragmented, mixed messages, and present a weak, non-unified face, that they get confused and vote in a manner not always in the best interests of agriculture.

Finally, Nebraskans First is dedicated to doing all we can to ensure that our generation is not the one that compromises away the success and life's work of our forefathers who built this state from nothing into a world class agricultural producer. The rights and freedoms our forefathers fought for and that we, today, enjoy and exercise in labor that feeds the world, must not be taken for granted or assumed to be everlasting. They are under assault and are worthy of being defended. I assure you, if they are not vigorously defended, they most certainly, over time, will be taken by those with a different view of the world than we embrace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Don Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Don Adams, Executive Director
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