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Dear Jonah:

Thank you for taking the time to write me concerning children being sexually abused in Nebraska.

Any abuse of a child should never be acceptable in our society. As a member of the Legislature, I am committed to doing everything that I can to protect the most vulnerable in our community. I certainly understand your frustration with how the judicial process sometimes works when prosecuting sexual offenders.

As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I have a particular interest in protecting those children who are in the care of the state. The Legislature created the Office of Inspector General specifically to provide independent oversight of our child welfare system. The recent report by the Inspector General is very disturbing. I strongly support the efforts of the Inspector General and I look forward to her recommendations on how to improve our system so that this does not happen again.

I appreciate your strong feelings on the legal process. I expect the Judiciary Committee will continue to discuss these important issues during the upcoming session. I would encourage to remain active in the legislative process during the upcoming year as I would expect numerous bills to be introduced on this subject.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Howard".

Sara Howard  
State Senator