



Dear Natural Resources Committee,

Nebraska Cures has been a leading advocate for health science research for over 20 years. We support policies rooted in science and strive to advance the quality of life and economy for Nebraskans. In alliance with our mission, we strive to educate policymakers on medical research and health related public policy.

I am writing to express our support for LB 595 which would create a fund that could be used in the future to fund the replacement of equipment used by the Nebraska Mesonet. The Nebraska Mesonet has been providing weather data to Nebraskans since 1981. Since then, they have grown to cover the entire state of Nebraska with over 63 weather stations.

With the current increase in severe weather events, the Nebraska Mesonet should have the ability to provide the most accurate weather data to people all across the state. To be able to do this, they need to have access to more modern equipment that other states around us already have and with this fund, they could do just that.

We urge you to support LB 595. Nebraska Cures recognizes the strong connection between these mass severe weather events and the mental health of Nebraskans. Being able to provide the most accurate and reliable weather data to the people of the state will not only better prepare them for weather events but it will provide them with peace of mind that they can trust the weather data that they are receiving. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda McGill Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda McGill Johnson

Nebraska Cures Executive Director