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Local CEO Launches Campaign Against Don Bacon

Kara Eastman, the President and CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance and Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College announced today she is running to represent Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District.

Kara will make healthcare, the economy, and education the focus of her campaign. According to Eastman, **"I'm running because our community needs someone to stop the assault on public education, cuts to healthcare, rollbacks of health-protecting regulations, and the elimination of EPA programs that protect kids from lead poisoning."**

Kara is a social worker who has led nonprofits that solve problems in education, homelessness, domestic violence, health, and housing for over 20 years. In the Metropolitan area, she has generated over \$13 million in revenue to invest in healthy environments for kids, build new public-private partnerships, and meet the needs of her community. As Vice-Chair of the Board of MCC, Eastman spearheaded the initiative to ban tobacco use on all campuses.

"I am tired of seeing people struggle to scrape together enough to pay rent for dangerously outdated apartments, while they pay so much in utility bills that they can't afford to put food on their table. Those problems are only exacerbated by student loan debt that means they are unable to take a real vacation or buy a home," said Kara. **"My experience as a nonprofit leader has been a labor of love and I am so proud of everything we have accomplished. But, it's just not enough when everything we have been fighting for is in jeopardy. I cannot stand by and watch our children's health suffer in the hands of an administration that is not putting their needs first."**

Kara will announce her candidacy at a press conference on Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30am at the Northwest corner of 50th and Underwood in Dundee.

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