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Kara Eastman to Provide Public Testimony Against the Keystone XL

Kara Eastman, the President and CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College, and the only life-long Democratic Congressional Candidate running in the Nebraska Second House District, will provide citizen testimony at The Nebraska Public Service Commission's fourth public meeting on the Keystone XL at The Ralston Arena on Wednesday, July 26th, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Part of Kara Eastman's testimony will include:

As CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, my job for the last eleven years has been to help remediate the effects of lead poisoning, among other environmental hazards. My organization started because I live and raise my daughter in the nation's largest residential superfund site where lead poisoning has affected thousands of Omahans and has had an especially devastating impact on our children. Our community here in Nebraska had to create my organization from scratch to deal with lead-contaminated soil and a long-term health crisis, and it was started because funds from a legal settlement from a large corporation had to be used to clean up our toxic, polluted Superfund site. The EPA also had to come in and spend hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up what a big corporation left us with—over 15,000 lead poisoned residential yards. So I know firsthand what unregulated industries do to our environment, our citizens, and our most vulnerable population—our children. I know what can happen when concerned activists lose out to the possibility and allure of corporate profits and their well-funded campaigns to persuade people that their big business will benefit the community in the long run. I know that short-term thinking like that can and does lead to long-term catastrophic consequences and decades-long clean-up projects like the one I'm a part of in Omaha.

For more information on Kara Eastman and her candidacy, please visit www.eastmanforcongress.com.

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