



To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: August 2, 2018
Re: Jane Raybould and the Arts, 2018 Candidate for Nebraska U.S. Senate



Name: Jane Raybould
Party: Democrat
Occupation: Lincoln, Nebraska City Councilwoman
Incumbent: No. Running against incumbent Sen. Deb Fischer (R).
Born: November 1, 1958 (age 59 years), Lincoln, NE
Previous Public Offices Held: N/A
Other Positions: Vice President and Director of Buildings and Equipment at B&R Stores, Inc.
Educational Background: Received her Bachelor of Arts from Creighton University and Master of Arts from Georgetown University.

Contact Information:

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Social Media Platforms:

- Facebook: @JaneRaybouldNE 7.7k followers
- Twitter: @JaneRaybould, 3.3k followers
- Instagram: N/A

2018 General Campaign Predictions:

- Likely R ([Cook Political Report](#))
- Won the democratic primary with 63.7% of the vote with 57,654 total votes (Source: [The Washington Post](#)).

Personal Arts Background: N/A

Notable Arts Quotes: N/A

Examples of Actions on the Arts: N/A

Arts Membership: N/A

Stance on Issues

- **Educating our Children for a Bright Future:**
 - Nebraska’s schools should be invested in. Taxpayers’ wallets are already stretched too thin, and Nebraskans should not have to fork out more of their hard-earned money to fund a second education system. Jane will fight for a robust public education system that prepares all of America’s children for 21st century jobs and an education system that continues to offer opportunities and be the great equalizer in our society (Source: [Jane Raybould](#)).
- **Supporting Military Veterans and Our Families:**
 - Jane Raybould wants to ensure that our Veterans are given that same opportunity, from ensuring they have access to the highest quality health care to educational and entrepreneurship opportunities, and that their loved ones are supported as well. In the Senate, Raybould will fight to modernize GI benefits to give Veterans a leg-up in the 21st century economy (Source: [Jane Raybould](#)).

Information on Arts and the Economy in Nebraska:

- In Nebraska, arts and culture was a \$2.6 billion industry—equivalent to 2.2 percent of the state economy—in 2015. There were a total of 27,986 arts and culture industry jobs.¹
- A 2017 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data found 3,241 businesses employed 18,405 people in Nebraska involved in the creation or distribution of the arts—2.83 percent of all businesses and 1.60 percent of all employees.²

¹Arts and cultural production are defined as those industries that produce arts and culture related commodities and generally follow the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Employment estimates for ACP-related industries are for “direct” employment. [Arts and Culture Production Satellite Account](#) (ACPSA), 2015; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and National Endowment for the Arts, 2018.

²Findings count active U.S. businesses registered with Duns & Bradstreet in the following categories: museums and collections; performing arts; visual art/photography; film, radio, and television; design and publishing; schools and services. [Creative Industries: Business & Employment in the Arts](#), Americans for the Arts, 2017.

Sample Advocacy Questions on the Arts:

- Mrs. Raybould, what arts activities have you attended, participated in, or supported in the last year?
- With the implementation of *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), states now have more responsibility for providing a well-rounded education – including the arts. Would you support full funding (\$1.6 billion) of the Well-Rounded Education provisions of ESSA, including data collection of arts education programs by the states and advocating for the integration of the arts into STEM education?
- Research done by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) shows that the arts can address the effects of mental and physical injuries incurred during combat. That is why the NEA is investing \$4.14 million in Creative Forces to expand access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement activities in clinical and community settings for active military, veterans and their families. Would you support funding so that more military personnel could participate in the NEA Creative Forces program?

About ArtsVote2018:

- The mission of ArtsVote2018 is to advance the role of arts in the 2018 midterm elections by providing arts advocates, arts leaders, elected officials, and media with needed information to effectively advocate for the arts.