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Nebraska Gov. Makes Second Donation To Death Penalty Initiative

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - True to his word, Gov. Pete Ricketts has again donated to a group trying to save Nebraska's death penalty.

A monthly financial statement released Friday by Nebraskans for the Death Penalty shows Ricketts donated \$100,000 in the last month. That matches his \$100,000 donation last month, for a total of \$200,000.

In all, the group raised nearly \$400,000 in cash for July. The largest donation came from the conservative, Washington-based Judicial Crisis Network, which gave \$200,000.

Nebraskans for the Death Penalty is overseeing a petition drive to put the death penalty question on the 2016 ballot. That effort began after Nebraska lawmakers abolished the death penalty last spring despite the governor's veto. Death penalty opponents have launched their own campaign, Nebraskans for Public Safety, urging voters not to sign.

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