

Senator Slama visits Falls City

(KLZA)--First District State Senator Julie Slama was in Falls City Monday for a meet and greet session and an opportunity to get to know her constituents.

Slama, a 2014 graduate of Auburn High School and Yale University was appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts to represent the First Congressional District after Senator Dan Watermeier ran successfully for the Public Service Commission last November.

Slama, is a Republican and says with the current 90-day legislative session going into the home stretch, and once again, Nebraska property taxes are the number one issue of the session. Slama encouraged constituents to attend a Wednesday Revenue Committee hearing on their tax relief proposal, or contact her and make your feelings known.

The Senator from Peru says the property tax issue needs a long-term fix, not an unchecked money dump into schools that is painted as property tax relief for a couple of years, then goes right back to where we are now.

Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts is not in favor of a proposal to lower property taxes by raising the state sales tax and cigarette taxes. Slama is in agreement with the Governor, and says we are not addressing the root of the problem which is putting the onus of funding local schools in rural districts on local property tax payers.

She says shifting the burden and raiding the property tax relief fund does not provide real property tax relief and does not fix the funding problems for local schools.

Monday's visit to Falls City was sponsored by Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise and the Richardson County Farm Bureau.

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