

Senator Slama concerned about land ownership for foreign adversaries

(KLZA) -- First District Nebraska State Senator Julie Slama addressed the issue of land ownership by foreign adversaries and future initiatives to address the concern in her weekly update released Thursday.

There are now more than 791,000 acres of foreign-owned land in Nebraska, representing a large portion of the state's farm and ranch property. The Senator says this raises concerns about the use and control of our agricultural lands, thereby threatening food security.

Part of the increase in foreign-owned land is attributed to land leased for wind energy by companies with some foreign ownership. Slama calls the influence of foreign entities, especially those from adversarial nations such as China, Iran, and Russia, a concern.

She says those concerns are about the identities and intentions of the owners.

Senator Slama says she is dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of our agricultural lands in a manner consistent with the welfare of Nebraska and the United States. She is expecting new bills this legislative session targeted at preserving Nebraska's agricultural land, calling it urgent that we fortify our defenses against foreign influence and maintain the security of Nebraska and the nation.

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