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The Public Pulse: Unfair attacks on Palmtag

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I am a retired FBI agent who investigated large-scale Colombian and Mexican cocaine trafficking organizations for most of my career in Houston, Texas. I also spent several years investigating human trafficking of juveniles for prostitution in Billings, Montana. I have two daughters who graduated from Creighton Law School, one of whom is an assistant district attorney in Douglas County. My wife and I moved to Nebraska to be near our children and grandchildren.

I point this out is to show that I am very uncompromising when it comes to being tough on crime. I have talked at length with Janet Palmtag, candidate for the District 1 seat for the Nebraska Legislature, about problems related to crime and the problems facing the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. I am very impressed with her knowledge on these issues.

I can assure you that recent allegations made by State Sen. Slama that Janet Palmtag is soft on crime could not be further from the truth. You would have to look long and hard to find someone more conservative than me, and I think Janet has the right ideas and values we need to reduce the drug and other criminal problems as well as problems with the Department of Correctional Services.

I'll never apologize for telling the truth and I cannot stand by and let someone I know and respect be subjected to such underhanded political tactics. Nebraska deserves better, more mature leadership than this.

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