

Get the Facts

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And mom ...	<p><u>@DeniseForCongress, Facebook, 6/10/2025</u></p> <p>As a daughter of immigrants and a mother, my heart aches for the children who will go to bed tonight not knowing where their parents are, wives who don’t know where their husbands are, mothers who don’t know where their children are. Raids in workplaces are not a replacement for immigration reform, which Congress has failed to act on for generations. We must send leaders to Washington who will finally work to fix our broken immigration system and stop playing games with people’s lives.</p> <p><u>@boldpac, Facebook, 11/11/2025</u></p> <p>Denise Powell is a mom, a healthcare advocate, and a fighter for Nebraska families. While Republicans hand billions to the wealthy, they’re threatening programs like WIC and SNAP that help parents feed their kids. Denise is calling it out because no child should go hungry. That’s the bold truth. #BOLDTruth #LatinasForFamilies</p>
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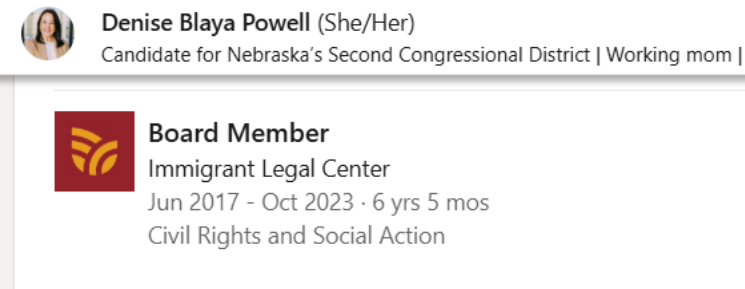

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<p>She was the first candidate to call for Kristi Noem’s impeachment and in Congress, Denise will hold ICE agents accountable, put an end to ICE’s lawlessness and stop Donald Trump’s attacks on our Democracy.</p>	<p><i>On January 10, 2026, Powell released a statement calling for the impeachment of Kristi Noem. She was the first candidate in the primary field to do so.</i> @DeniseForNE, Twitter, 1/27/2026 We’ve seen enough. It’s time for Kristi Noem to go.</p> <p><i>On January 7, 2026, Powell demanded accountability from ICE, DHS, and everyone involved, including Trump. She demanded due process and adherence to the U.S. Constitution.</i> @DeniseForNE, Twitter, 1/7/2026 My statement on the horrific ICE shooting in Minnesota:</p>

I am tired. Tired of watching people across this country get shot - with guns or pepper spray - by masked ICE agents. Tired of seeing pregnant women dragged through icy streets, and seeing children physically torn away from sobbing parents. I'm tired of neighborhood businesses shuttering their doors because their customers are too scared to leave their homes. I'm tired of hearing from American citizens about how they're driving around with their passports in hand in case they get pulled over and have to prove they belong here. I'm exhausted by the anger and the rage. This is not the America I believe we can be. Not the America I believe we SHOULD be.

ENOUGH. We have lost our way and it's time that we ALL take a stand and demand better.

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