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<u>WEDNESDAY</u>: Nebraska Deputy Secretary of State for Elections to testify before the U.S. Senate Rules and Administration Committee

The U.S. Senate Rules and Administration Committee invited Wayne Bena, the Nebraska Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, to discuss ongoing threats on election administration. In a hearing scheduled on Wednesday, Deputy Secretary Bena will address election security protocols, the pandemic's impact on elections and election-related misinformation. Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer is the ranking member of the U.S. Senate Rules and Administration Committee.

"This will be a great opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication our state brings to ensuring election security," Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "Nebraska's state elections team and county election officials work hand-in-hand to ensure the utmost integrity in our voting processes. I am thankful our U.S. Senate members are looking to us as an example of how elections should be run."

When: Wednesday, November 1Time: 3 p.m. ET, 2 p.m. CT, 1 p.m. MTWatch: The hearing will be live-streamed on the Rules and Administration Committee's website here.

Deputy Secretary Bena will be one of five witnesses to testify before the U.S. Senate committee. Others who have been invited to appear include:

Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State Al Schmidt, Pennsylvania Secretary of State J. Alan Farley, Rutherford County (Tennessee) Administrator of Elections Elizabeth Howard, Deputy Director of the Elections and Government Program for the Brennan Center for Justice

Nebraska's Deputy Secretary for Elections Wayne Bena (*pronounced BENN-uh*) was appointed to the Deputy Secretary position in 2017. Prior to his position in Secretary Evnen's administration, Bena served as the Sarpy County Election Commissioner.