

WASHINGTON - Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE) today expressed his reactions to the announcement this morning at the Omaha Press Club by U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) that he would not seek re-election in 2008.

**"Senator Hagel deserves our thanks for his many years of service to our Nation - as a soldier, government official, and as our U.S. Senator from Nebraska. As a distinguished Member of the U.S. Senate, he is respected and admired for his strongly held and outspoken views. I especially appreciated his thoughtful and insightful opinions about global issues - U.S. policy in the Middle East, the environment, and energy policy.**

**"On a personal note, I appreciated Chuck's friendship and political counsel and advice over the years. He always had his finger on the pulse of the Nebraska political scene."**

**"I also want to thank his wife, Lilibet, and his children, Allyn and Ziller, for their sacrifices and dedicated support of Senator Hagel during his service in the U.S. Senate."**

