You may this concern:

I am writing to you as a concerned Nebraska citizen who is also a member of the Nebraska Youth Leadership Council (NYLC). NYLC is a council that consists of young people who have a wide variety of disabilities. We work to develop our leadership skills and learn to advocate for ourselves. Part of our mission is to educate the community that all people, regardless of their ability or dis-ability, should be treated with respect and equality. As young Nebraska leaders, it is in this spirit that I and several other council members have formed a committee and are reaching out to you for your help in ending the use of the word “retarded”. The word “retarded” is a degrading word and is in the same classification as every other minority slur.

An event called second annual “***Spread The Word to End the Word”*** is being planned and scheduled to take place on Wednesday March 5th from 10am-noon. Our committee will be going to the Student Union at UNL in Lincoln to ask people to take the pledge to eliminate their use of the word “retarded.” Our plan is to educate others and we are trying to find different ways communicate this event so other people can attend and hoping you may be able to help.

We would love your support and would appreciate it very much if you could share this letter with your friends and colleagues and invite them to join us in this cause. Please give this serious consideration and email me if you have any questions and available to support our worthy cause. Also the first 20 people that pledged will get a free decorated cookie!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Haley Waggoner