IN OMAHA, 8.9 PERCENT OF ADULTS LIVE WITH ASTHMA. But among the minority communities surrounding OPPD’s North Omaha Coal Plant that are most affected by pollution from the plant, asthma and lung disease rates are much higher:

- **18%** of African American adults in Omaha have **asthma**
- **10%** of African American adults in Omaha have **chronic lung disease**
- **10.4%** of low-income Omaha residents have **chronic lung disease**
- **8.1%** of people under 17 in NE Omaha have **asthma**

OPPD MUST PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL OMAHA COMMUNITIES AND MOVE BEYOND COAL.
Public Power in Omaha means that every resident is the owner of our utility, OPPD. I do not want my power to come from the dirty, outdated North Omaha coal plant. OPPD’s 50-year-old coal plant releases mercury, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and other contaminants into North Omaha’s air, putting our health at risk. Low-income and minority populations that live close to the plant are disproportionately affected by the pollution and health risks. 18 percent of African Americans in Omaha have asthma, far exceeding the citywide average of 8.9 percent.

I believe it is essential for all people in Omaha to have the same access to clean air. Income level and residence should not be a deciding factor on quality of air in a community. OPPD must protect everyone’s air in Omaha and phase out burning coal at their North Omaha plant, instead investing in clean, renewable energy.

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