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gap, so to speak, and encourage job creation and capital investment in Nebraska's small and mid-size counties. Industries that qualify under the plan include manufacturing, and warehousing, transportation, research and development, insurance, data processing, or telecommunications. Another key area of economic development that this proposal is meant to encourage is value-added agriculture. We do have the land, we have the crops, we have the animals and the people to make value-added ag an even bigger component of our economy. The result will be greater demand for raw commodities and an increased share of the consumer dollar for Nebraska farmers and ranchers. In other words, increased income and increased productivity for agriculture producers who have been struggling in the face of historic or near historic low commodity prices. As a much needed boost for value-added agriculture, I am proposing more than \$1 million in increased support for value-added activity in the Department of Economic Development and in the Department of Agriculture. These additional funds would come from reallocated resources within the departments, increased General Fund support, and a partnership with industry groups, and it will take the Nebraska Value-Added Ag Initiative to another level of success. An emphasis on property tax relief, value-added agriculture, and encouraging economic opportunity in rural Nebraska, in my judgment, is good for the entire state. And I've caught that cold that's going around. (Cough) Harnessing the economic potential of all Nebraskans will ensure a strong foundation for an optimistic future. As we strive to build a stronger and a more diversified statewide economy, I also want to turn your attention to families. An important component of that priority, in my judgment, is public safety. I have identified priorities in this area. First, adopting lethal injection as the method of carrying out a sentence in capital cases. Secondly, reform of the "postconviction" appeals process. The present system of unlimited appeals has caused many Nebraskans to lose faith in the effectiveness of the criminal justice system. I urge you to reform "postconviction" appeals in this legislative session. Third, I am proposing to add twelve state troopers, six of them to be deployed for community policing services and six troopers to work in the area of highway safety. Fourth, I am proposing the conversion of the Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island to an open enrollment, tuition-based law enforcement