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# Critics post angry sign at Fortenberry home

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Political critics left an angry sign with a vulgar word on the lawn of Rep. Jeff Fortenberry's home in Lincoln, prompting a Twitter rebuke from the congressman.

"This sign was placed on my lawn last night," Fortenberry posted on Twitter and Facebook.

"Be angry with me, direct your protest at me," he wrote, "but do not frighten my children in their home."



Jeff Fortenberry

Associated Press file photo

The sign, which Fortenberry posted along with his message, stated: "Traitors put party above country. Do the right thing for once, — — head."

"Nebraska Betsies" took credit for the sign, tweeting that they "decided to help Jeff Fortenberry enhance his home's curb appeal."

Fortenberry's Facebook posting prompted nearly 300 comments, overwhelmingly supportive of him.

"This is not acceptable," the Nebraska Democratic Party tweeted in reply. "Signs like this do not change your mind and don't reflect movement wanting affordable health care."

The Republican congressman and his wife have five daughters. Fortenberry declined further comment about the incident, which was reported to Lincoln police.

Timing of the act appeared to be connected to the congressman's vote in favor of a Republican health care reform bill that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. The House passed the bill last week.