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May 27, 2017

Office of the Attorney General
Utah State Capitol Complex
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Dear Attorney General Reyes:

We are writing on behalf of both houses of the Utah State Legislature to re-state our request dated May 23, 2017, for your opinion on questions of law relating to the authority of the Legislature, the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor regarding filling a vacancy for a House seat in Congress when a Representative has announced his intention to give up his seat at a future date but remains seated until a future date ("Request"). The Request was made pursuant to Utah Code 67-5-1(7) and is attached to this letter for your reference.

Based on your representations, we expect and appreciate that you have implemented all necessary procedures to ensure confidentiality and adherence to ethical standards in relation to our request. Our legal counsel have sent a letter to the Utah State Bar in support of your authority under both state statute and the Utah Rules of Professional Conduct to provide the legal opinion we requested. That letter is attached to this letter for your reference.

Again, there is urgency to receiving answers to these questions in a timely manner. We accordingly request your adherence to statute by promptly providing us an opinion on these questions no later than May 30, 2017.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hughes".

Gregory Hughes
Speaker of the House

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne L. Niederhauser".

Wayne L. Niederhauser
Senate President