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Health and Human Services Interim Committee

June 15, 2016

RE: Sunset Review and Request for Reauthorization of the Utah Commission on Aging

Dear Committee Members:

The undersigned parties represent individuals and organizations with a common interest in addressing the current and future needs of our aging population that impact our families, communities, and state. We are committed to the collaborative and strategic efforts of the Commission in providing insights, research, solutions, public policy recommendations, and educational efforts that will help entities and individuals navigate the challenges and decisions related to the impact of aging. Commission meetings are open to the public and reports are shared in the public domain to engage the community and enlist support.

We are united in *respectfully requesting that you VOTE TO REAUTHORIZE the Utah Commission on Aging.*

For your consideration:

- The Commission through and with its diverse partners has met its statutory requirements to date in serving the public interest.
- The purpose and interest for which the Commission was created are still relevant and increasingly vital to our aging society.
- The ability of the Commission to expand its reach and impact would be enabled by a permanent reauthorization and additional resources to magnify the scope and effect of its work.
- The Commission is uniquely positioned to eliminate duplication among stakeholders and produce effective and efficient delivery of services, solutions, and information on public policy issues related to aging.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of parties below,

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