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Michael G. Waddoups
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320 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Informal Poll of Utah Senate on United States Senate Candidates

President Waddoups,

We have completed an informal poll of the Utah Senate on United States Senate Candidates as directed by Senate Resolution 1 (SR1) from the 2012 General Session. We distributed the ballot required by SR1 by email to the Senate address of each Senator. A week later we followed up with telephone calls (leaving voicemail messages as needed) in an effort to ensure that all Senators had the opportunity to participate.

Including those that selected the option of declining to participate, we obtained responses from 26 of the 29 Senators. The question asked in the informal poll was "Who is your preferred candidate for the United States Senate?" The results are as follows:

- Dan Liljenquist 11
- Orrin G. Hatch 7
- Scott Howell 2
- Decline to participate 6

Although we did not ask for any explanation of votes, some Senators who responded with the "I decline to participate" option volunteered the following reasons.

- Voted against the resolution in the Senate and do not want to participate now.
- Felt the poll should have been delayed until future elections.
- Concerned that votes may become public if records not protected under GRAMA.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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