



UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

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To the honorable Congressman representing the people of Utah:

As chairs of Utah's Commission on Federalism, we are writing to request your input into our review of the federal laws, rules, and regulations (hereafter referred to as "federal laws") that violate the principles of federalism as described in Utah Code Subsection 63C-4a-304(2).

Utah Code Section 63C-4a-303 authorizes the Commission on Federalism to evaluate whether a federal law is authorized by the United State Constitution or if the law violates the principles of federalism by:

- affecting the distribution of power and responsibility among the state and national government;
- limiting the policymaking discretion of the state;
- impacting a power or right that is reserved to the state or its citizens; or
- impacting the sovereignty, rights, and interest of the state or a political subdivision to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of, and promote the prosperity of, the state's inhabitants.

Upon finding that a federal law is not authorized by the United States Constitution, or that the law violates the principles of federalism, Utah Code Subsection 63C-4a-303(3) authorizes the commission to engage with a United States Senator or Representative who is elected from Utah, to request information about specific federal laws and assistance in communicating with a federal governmental entity regarding the federal law.

The commission has studied and determined that the federal law referred to below violates the provisions of federalism:

[***Insert a description of the federal law and how it violates the principles of federalism***]

Please help us understand why the federal government enacted a law that violates the provisions of federalism [or the authority provided in the Constitution of the United States] and request that you facilitate any communication between the Commission and the [insert the responsible federal agency].

If you have any questions about the work of the Commission on Federalism, please contact us.

Respectfully,

Senator Allen Christensen
Utah State Senate
Co-Chair, Commission on Federalism

Representative Ken Ivory
Utah House of Representatives
Co-Chair, Commission on Federalism