Dear Nathan and Representative Stratton -

Due to the hurried wrap up of the House Natural Resource, Agriculture and Environment Committee meeting today, I was unable to provide comments in support of this legislation. I appreciated the opportunity you offered to submit written comments and have them included in the meeting record by leaving the public comments open after the formal meeting ended.

The Jordan River Commission, comprised of cities, counties, water supply and reclamation districts, state natural resource and environmental agencies, and other business and nonprofit partners, views this legislation as a positive step toward improved and comprehensive water conservation efforts. By involving these very agencies that comprise our Interlocal partnership, in broad efforts to establish their own water conservation plans, our hope is that these collective efforts of many different agencies and jurisdictions will lead to reduced water consumption, and result in increased water flows and water quality in the Jordan River, it's primary tributary Utah Lake and numerous canyon creek tributaries, and ultimately improve the health and vitality of both the Jordan River and the Great Salt Lake.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input on this important legislation, and we appreciate the support of the committee in advancing this to the House Floor for further consideration.

Very best regards -

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