

KAYSVILLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



SOLOMON H. OBERG
CHIEF OF POLICE

February 5, 2024

Members of the Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee, thank you for your time and consideration of my appointment to the Utah Victim Services Commission. I regret that I am unable to attend today's confirmation hearing and hope this letter effectively communicates my desire to serve on this committee and provides a brief outline of my qualifications.

My name is Solomon Oberg. I am the chief of police for the Kaysville City Police Department and have served in that role for the past 11 years. During that time, I have sought to improve law enforcement's interactions and considerations with victims of crime and societal disorder. Like modern society, the criminal justice system has become increasingly complicated. Law enforcement receives help from prosecutors, suspects have the assistance of defense attorneys, but victims often lack in resources and knowledge of how to successfully navigate the criminal justice system.

Law enforcement often takes a suspect-focused approach to their trainings and community interactions, and while this is an important part of their job, victims can easily become an afterthought. I have worked to change that approach where I can and have contributed to improving victim-centered responses in Utah through programs, training, policies, and case audits. My department has adopted the FBI's ELEVATE victim services program and has sought out specialized training from the International Association of Chiefs of Police to improve our responses to victims of crime. Through these efforts, I have seen the gaps in victim services and would like to continue my work in this area as a law enforcement representative on the Utah Victim Services Commission.

I have been a police officer in Utah for the past 28 years, serving in progressively responsible positions throughout my career. I began my career at the Bountiful Police Department, where I served for 17 years before becoming the police chief in Kaysville. I obtained my bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and my master's degree in public administration from the University of Utah. To compliment my formal education, I have graduated from several executive-level police leadership schools, to include: the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, Northwest University's Executive Management Institute and School of Police Staff and Command. Most recently I graduated from the FBI's National Academy in the fall of 2023. These courses have continued to reinforce the importance of victim services in the criminal justice system.

I hope to use my knowledge, training, and experience to help fulfill the role of HB 244, the Utah Victim Services Commission and Victim Services, as well as the requirements of Utah Code 63M-7-904 to elevate victim services in Utah. Thank you for your time and consideration of my appointment to this important role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S. Oberg", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Solomon Oberg