



HB 263:

Heavy Duty Vehicle Amendments
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STRATEGY REPORT

Make Our Children *Healthy Again*



“The EPA and NIH will study air quality impacts on children’s health and utilize existing research programs to improve data collection and analysis.”

(MAHA Commission, 2025)

Tailpipe Emissions:

- Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
Linked to asthma attacks, reduced lung function, chronic bronchitis, & ozone formation
- Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})
Linked to heart attacks, strokes, lung cancer, asthma in children, & premature death
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)
Reduces oxygen delivery to the heart & brain, worsens cardiovascular disease
- Benzene, formaldehyde, & polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
Linked to cancer risk, neurological effects, & respiratory irritation
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)
Causes airway inflammation & increased asthma symptoms



Utah's Opportunity

Advances in engine technology give Utah a real opportunity. Upgrading from a pre-2010 heavy-duty truck to a modern engine delivers emissions benefits equivalent to taking twenty older trucks off the road.

- These older trucks emit significantly higher levels of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and cancer-causing chemicals.
- Pollution concentrates where people live, work, & raise kids.
- By harnessing American innovation we can clean the air for all Utahns.

MAHA in Utah

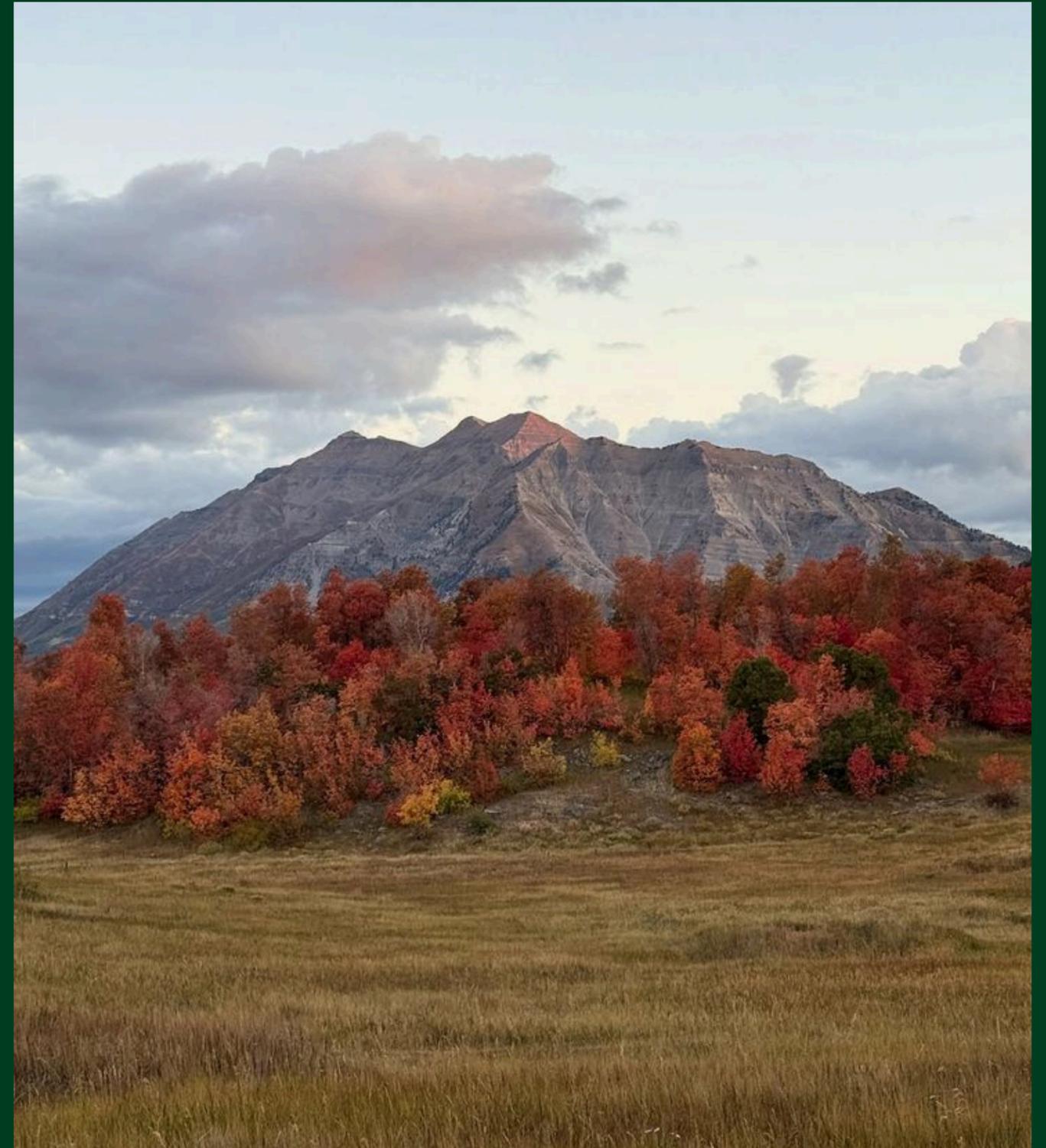
In Utah, Make America Healthy Again legislation has focused squarely on reducing unnecessary chemical exposure & improving nutrition, especially for kids. Lawmakers have advanced efforts to prohibit artificial food dyes in school lunches, arguing that schools should not be serving additives banned or restricted in other countries. The Legislature has also moved to ban mandatory fluoride being added to public water systems, emphasizing informed consent, local control, & unresolved questions around long-term exposure. We have also passed policies reinforcing that taxpayer-funded nutrition assistance should support real food that promotes health rather than products that drive chronic disease.

Together, these reforms reflect a growing consensus that government policy should stop subsidizing harm & instead align public programs with healthier outcomes for families.



“The most patriotic thing you can do is to take care of the environment and try to live sustainably”.

HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
- (2024)



HB 263: Simple & Effective

The \$175 emissions compliance fee is a measured, responsible way to address a real public health problem. It applies only to the oldest, highest-polluting heavy duty vehicles and reflects the disproportionate harm those engines impose on the air Utah families breathe. Thanks to major advances in engine technology, upgrading from a pre-2010 truck delivers emissions reductions equivalent to taking roughly twenty older trucks off the road, making this a highly efficient incentive rather than a mandate.





Environmental Mitigation & Response Fund

The Environmental Mitigation & Response Fund ensures that when harm occurs, the response is targeted, accountable, & health-focused.

(Utah Code 19-1-603)

- A dedicated state fund created to receive, manage, & deploy money for environmental mitigation and response efforts when harm has already occurred.
- EMRF is not a regulatory program, it is a response & repair tool.
- Examples of funding uses include retrofitting and replacing diesel school buses and government vehicles, yard equipment exchanges, and more.
- HB 263 will be one of the largest clean air funding bills in recent history.



QUESTIONS?

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