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March 8, 2010

The Honorable David Clark
Speaker of the House

and

The Honorable Michael Waddoups
President of the Senate

Dear Speaker Clark and President Waddoups:

The Utah House of Representatives has presented me with two bills for my consideration: H.B. 12, CRIMINAL HOMICIDE AND ABORTION AMENDMENTS and H.B. 462, CRIMINAL HOMICIDE AND ABORTION REVISIONS. I have closely followed the progress of these bills and have taken keen interest in the debate over the consequences, both intended and unintended, of these measures.

I appreciate the willingness of Representative Wimmer to reevaluate the impact of potential unintended consequences arising from the inclusion of "reckless" behavior in H.B. 12. H.B. 462 is more consistent with the true intent of the legislation and addresses those situations in which the termination of a pregnancy is intentional and is not conducted at a physician's direction.

For these reasons, I have signed H.B. 462 and vetoed H.B. 12.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor