

59 period and are a considerable driver of total United States inflation;

60 WHEREAS, the production of traditional sources of energy plays an important role in
61 the state's economy, particularly in the rural areas of the state;

62 WHEREAS, transitioning away from traditional sources of energy will have a negative
63 impact on jobs in the state, specifically in the state's rural areas;

64 WHEREAS, well-functioning markets require alternative viewpoints to operate
65 efficiently and ESG investing advocates that all market actors adopt a singular view for the
66 future;

67 WHEREAS, ESG utilizes an emergency or crisis to declare the necessity for cutting or
68 eliminating the personal freedoms of citizens;

69 WHEREAS, ESG investing stunts innovation and silences alternative viewpoints;

70 WHEREAS, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission proposes rules to
71 enhance and standardize climate-related disclosures for investors;

72 WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ensures that national banks
73 and federal savings associations understand climate-related financial risks and develop risk
74 management frameworks and capabilities to identify, measure, monitor, and control those
75 risks;

76 WHEREAS, the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) released
77 draft principles for banks with over \$100 billion in total assets to manage exposures to
78 climate-related financial risks;

79 WHEREAS, the FDIC principles largely mirrored those released by the Office of the
80 Comptroller of the Currency;

81 WHEREAS, ESG investing criteria as outlined by credit rating agencies undermine the
82 sovereignty and self-determination of states and municipalities;

83 WHEREAS, Utah should avoid investment managers that are committed to advance, or
84 market themselves as advancing, social or environmental goals with client assets;

85 WHEREAS, the state auditor is responsible for auditing the financial statements and
86 operations of state government entities and ensuring compliance with laws, regulations, and
87 financial reporting standards;

88 WHEREAS, the state treasurer is responsible for overseeing the management of the
89 state's financial resources and assets, including ~~the state's pension funds and other~~
89a investment

90 portfolios; and

91 WHEREAS, the attorney general is responsible for providing legal advice and
92 representation to the state and enforcing state laws:

93 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
94 Governor concurring therein, take immediate action and direct that ~~§~~→ [state pensions and
94a other] ←~~§~~
95 investment funds should be managed by investment managers with a commitment to focus
96 solely on financial interests.

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Office of the
98 Attorney General to provide legal advice to the state treasurer and investment managers on the
99 enforceability of state investment policies and the risks of using ESG criteria in investment
100 decisions, and when necessary, take legal action to protect the state's investments.

101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Office of the State
102 Treasurer to implement investment policies that restrict the use of ESG criteria in the selection
103 of investments for state portfolios.

104 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Office of the State
105 Auditor to conduct audits of state investments to determine if the investments comply with the
106 state's policies and objectives.