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May 10. 2022

The Honorable Stuart Adams President of the Utah State Senate
350 North State, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

The Honorable Brad Wilson
Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives
350 North State, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear President Adams and Speaker Wilson:

We understand that the ongoing issues surrounding the Bears Ears National Monument designation are complex and challenging. We appreciate the time and effort a land exchange like this takes and the benefits which can come to our communities from this careful and considerate work.

As the Daggett County Commission, we want to express our support for the land exchange. Alongside many other counties in this area of the state, Daggett County is continually looking for economic development opportunities that allow our residents to live and work in Daggett County. We believe the targets identified by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) will provide serious long-term benefits not only for the school children of Daggett County but for all our residents.

The trust lands inside the monument generate very little revenue for the permanent fund of the public-school trust. This exchange would allow SITLA to trade non productive acreage for land with far greater potential for economic development and revenue generation.

In 2021, Daggett County schools received over $222,000 from the trust. That revenue is critical to the success of our students, teachers, school administrators, and the future of

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Daggett County. The opportunity to increase the amount would enable us to better equip and prepare the residents of Daggett County- and Utah- future for generations.

It is undeniably clear that the timing of the exchange is a key component of its success. SITLA has been working on this exchange for over a year. We strongly urge you to keep the process moving along by placing the resolution on the Legislative Management Meeting agenda for the upcoming May meeting and voting in favor of it. Any delay in moving the resolution forward will result in the devastating loss of opportunities which could bring hundreds of millions of dollars to the school children across our great state.

Sincerely,

Matt Tippets, Chairman
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