

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON STRENGTHENING UTAH'S DEMOCRACY

## RECOMMENDATION FOR REVOLVING DOOR PROVISION

*SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER TOM LOVE*

Whereas, during the 2009 General Session, the Utah Legislature passed the Lobbying Restrictions Act (the "Act"), which forbids certain elected officers from engaging in lobbying for one year after leaving public office;

Whereas, the Act contains an exemption from the one-year lobbying ban if the former state official "engages in lobbying on behalf of a business with which he is associated, unless the primary activity of the business is lobbying or governmental relations;"

Whereas, questions have arisen as to how this exemption will be interpreted and applied;

The Commission hereby resolves to recommend that the Act be amended to eliminate the above-mentioned exemption and flatly prohibit State officials from engaging in all lobbying for compensation for one calendar year after the State official leaves office.

**APPROVED 10-5 (4 ABSENT)  
OCTOBER 1, 2009**

### VOTING TO APPROVE

Acting Chair Kirk Jowers, Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Randy Dyer, Dan Jones, Tom Love, Senator Scott McCoy, Dick Richards, Dee Rowland, Ken Verdoia, LaVarr Webb

### VOTING AGAINST APPROVAL

Representative Craig Frank, Dave Hansen, Bruce Hough, Senator Scott Jenkins, Frank Pignanelli