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Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy
c/o Vice and Acting Chairman Kirk L. Jowers
Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah
Orson Spencer Hall
260 South Central Campus Drive, Room 253
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Dear Commissioners:

As you know, President Obama has announced his intention to nominate Governor Huntsman as the U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. If Governor Huntsman is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, I will succeed him as Governor of Utah. I understand that some of you have raised questions about the Commission's status during and after this "transition" period.

In recognition of your substantial efforts, I write to affirm my endorsement of the Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy. The Commission's work is vital because Utah's legal structure impacts the desire and ability of all citizens to participate in the political process. As Lieutenant Governor, I have worked tirelessly to increase civic participation in our democracy. Accordingly, I fully support the Commission's mandate to propose analysis of and reforms to Utah's campaign finance, lobbying, and election laws.

Thank you for your forthcoming recommendations and your service to the State of Utah

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Lieutenant Governor