



Health and Human Services Interim Committee

September 16, 2020

RE: Sunset Review/Request for Reauthorization of the Utah Commission on Aging

Dear Committee Members:

The undersigned parties represent individuals and organizations with a common interest in addressing the current and future needs of our aging population and their impact on our families, communities, and state. We are committed to the collaborative and strategic efforts of the Commission in providing insights, research, solutions, public policy recommendations, and educational efforts that help agencies and individuals navigate the challenges and opportunities of aging. The major issues and concerns that exist today for Utah's older adults are amplified in our COVID-19 environment. The work of the Commission on Aging has never been more relevant and essential.

We are united in *respectfully requesting that you VOTE TO REAUTHORIZE the Utah Commission on Aging.*

For your consideration:

- The Commission continues to meet and exceed its statutory requirements in serving the public interest.
- The purposes for which the Commission was created are still relevant and increasingly vital.
- The ability of the Commission to magnify its reach and impact would be enhanced by permanent reauthorization and additional resources.
- The Commission successfully connects service providers, researchers, educators, and policy makers for effective and efficient community impact.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the parties listed below,

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Rob Ence
Executive Director

