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RE: GRAMA APPEAL
Utah Governor's Office

DATE: May 10, 2018

Dear Mr. Mace and Records Committee Members,

Pursuant to U.C.A. § 63G-2-401, I timely appeal to the State Records Committee for relief regarding my Record Requests to the Utah Governor's Office ("UGO") and my Appeal to the Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") of UGO.

On January 22, 2018 a GRAMA Request was filed with the UGO. Initially there was some push back from the UGO and I prepared an appeal to the CAO which was sent on or about February 6, 2018. After meeting with Nathan Sumbot, Deputy General Counsel for the UGO, I agreed to hold on the appeal with the agreement that the UGO would begin production of responsive records. Records were produced from the UGO on February 9th and 23rd of 2018.

Following review of the records proffered by the UGO, on March 25, 2018 a timely appeal was made to the CAO, Justin Harding, Chief of Staff for the UGO. Based upon what was proffered "I have reason to think and believe the office may have additional records responsive to my request, [which] have not been provided." Additionally, with public and media attention surrounding the subject of my request and ballot initiatives attempting to gain approval for the 2018 General Election regarding the subject of my request, I reasonably requested an expedited response from the CAO of the UGO.

On April 10, 2018 I received an email reply from the UGO "affirm[ing] the original determination" without any further review for responsive records to the request. Based on the limited number of records regarding a highly public and politically charged subject matter, the

records provided are insufficient and less than what would reasonably be expected given the reasonable specificity and scope of the record requests and the subject matter of the requests. I can only reasonably think, believe, and expect the UGO is in possession of additional responsive records to my requests which have not been provided, again, particularly given the reasonable specificity of the subject matter and scope of the record requests. While asserting the arguments contained herein, I reserve the right to make additional arguments or to expand on the above arguments, before the State Records Committee. I have legitimate and reasonable reasons to think and believe additional responsive records are in the possession, control, or custody of the UGO.

I request that any and all records responsive to my GRAMA Request of January 22, 2018, be immediately made available for review and/or copying, or provided electronically. Please contact me if you have any questions or require anything additional regarding this appeal. Thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ C. Edward Bennion

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