



May 21, 2018

Austin Cox
Our Schools Now
175 East 400 South, Suite 650
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Austin:

As a regional Chamber of Commerce representing businesses large and small and thousands of Utah employees, ChamberWest believes strongly in providing high quality educational opportunities in Utah as an investment in future generations and leaders of tomorrow.

Utah's strong business climate is well documented and promoted as other states work to match Utah's success as our economy continues to evolve and expand. We must continually support policies that sustain our accomplishments and enable us to reach new economic heights.

Positive policies and adequate funding are critical to our future economic success. Accordingly, our Board of Governors has voted to support Our Schools Now in the effort to secure a greater financial investment in local schools and local road maintenance.

Investing in education means a stronger and more prepared workforce in Utah, widely regarded as the greatest challenge facing Utah's economy. Without a highly-talented workforce, Utah industries are held back from their full potential, forcing some companies to locate high-paying jobs in states with greater education outcomes. Furthermore, quality local infrastructure is essential to keeping a strong economy moving forward and local roads are in dire need of additional funds. Additional investments in education and transportation result in job creation, the capacity for increased wages, and an expanded economic activity.

We proudly join with business, education, political, and community partners in Utah to advance this critical cause, and encourage the citizens of West Valley City, Taylorsville, and Kearns to support Question #1 on the ballot in the primary elections in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara S. Riddle", is positioned above the typed name.

Barbara S. Riddle, CMP
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