

April 1, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are writing to urge your full and fair consideration for the grant application submitted by Salt Lake City to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of the Utah Renewable Communities (URC) coalition. Utah's capital city will submit a proposal requesting \$49.6 million to launch the URC Program in partnership with 17 other communities and Rocky Mountain Power. While we have some concerns regarding the underlying federal program, it is clear from the criteria the URC is within the scope of an ideal project as defined by EPA.

We welcome and applaud Utah's commitment to an all-of-the-above energy approach. As such, state law currently allows nuclear, fossil fuels with carbon capture, solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, and storage to be considered. We understand that electricity resources would be selected through a solicitation that will include competition based on cost to ensure Utah remains highly competitive in energy prices. This proposal would create new energy for the grid, create jobs within the state, and maintain existing sources, which is critical as demand for power increases throughout the nation.

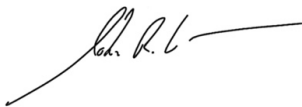
The 18 communities included in the coalition led by Salt Lake City include Salt Lake County, Grand County, Summit County and the cities and towns of Alta, Castle Valley, Coalville, Cottonwood Heights, Emigration Canyon, Francis, Holladay, Kearns, Millcreek, Moab, Park City, Oakley, Ogden, and Springdale. The requested federal support would enable URC program customers to benefit from the purchase of approximately 200 Megawatts (MW) of new clean electricity from power plants in the intermountain west with a preference for Utah-based projects.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the "Powering Up Utah Renewable Communities" grant application submitted by Salt Lake City on behalf of the Utah Renewable Communities coalition.

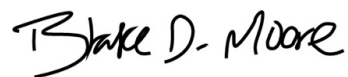
Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
United States Senator



John Curtis
Member of Congress



Blake Moore
Member of Congress