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To: Kristen Cox, Jon Pierpont, Greg Gardner and Paul Jackson,

In response to recommendations from the Department of Workforce Services led workgroup focused on restructuring State and Regional Councils, the Western Region Council provides the following suggestions regarding the proposed structure changes:

- Recommend the State Council maintain representation from each service area on the council.
- Recommend that representative suggestions for the State council originate in economic service area and are elected by their respective advisory group members.
- Recommend that the Department of Workforce Services accept and embrace the concept of advisory committees in economic service areas.
- Recommend representatives to the State Council are private industry employers.
- Recommend the Governor appoint council membership from the rural areas, as well as the Wasatch Front.
- Recommend that all representatives from the economic service areas be voting members on the State Council.

As members of the Western Region Council, we agree with the workgroup recommendations to allow for flexibility at the local Economic Service Area level. However, we do not agree with the recommendation that each service area will not have a voting member on the State Council.

Because we recognize their immense value, we recommend that private industry representation from each local economic service area remain on the State Council and retain voting privileges.

We ask that as the Department of Workforce Services moves forward with the current restructuring process that you consider our recommendations with respect to State Council structure and membership.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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