



December 8, 2021

**RE: Support for University of Utah Research Park Act**

Dear Senator Lee,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for University of Utah Research Park Act, which would release the reversionary interest of the federal government in the non-Federal land located in University of Utah Research Park.

Research Park plays a significant role in Salt Lake City's economy. Established in 1968, the public-private partnership has produced multiple businesses and scientific advancement through the work of university students and researchers. Currently 48 companies and 81 university departments are housed on the property, employing a workforce of over 14,000 Utahns. This is estimated to represent approximately \$2.1 billion in annual wages.

We have a bold vision for the future of Utah's capital city and the future success of the University of Utah. Research Park plays a significant role in achieving it. Disruption of their careful stewardship of the property could stall this critical economic engine for our city and the state.

On behalf of Salt Lake City, I support this legislation and look forward to continued partnerships that enhance the quality of life and opportunities for the citizens of Salt Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Mendenhall".

Erin Mendenhall  
Mayor, Salt Lake City  
State of Utah