



UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY



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The Honorable Mike Lee  
United States Senator  
363 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lee,

We write today in strong support of the *Safe Transit Accountability Act*, which would strengthen public transit safety, ensure efficient compliance with federal public safety standards, and return safety decisions to those responsible for operating our transit systems. Additionally, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your leadership on this important issue.

Safety is the top priority for the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). We provide over 40 million trips annually and serve more than 80% of Utah's population. With so many relying on our buses, trains, and paratransit services to connect them to work, school, family and opportunities, it is paramount that we have the best tools available to protect both our riders and our frontline employees. By addressing the compliance and safety standard challenges of the existing system, you will help UTA, and agencies across the nation, build a more reliable and effective public transit system.

UTA recognizes the importance of having safety decisions made by those who operate our public transit systems. Again, thank you for leading this important legislation. Please let us know how we can be a resource to you as you work to move this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Carlton J. Christensen  
Board Chair

Beth Holbrook  
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Executive Director

