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## Statement on the Statue of Responsibility Foundation Proposal

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (May 21, 2024)** – With a mandate from the Utah Legislature since 2018, the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority Board has overseen development of the 600 acres of state-owned land in Draper known as <u>The Point</u>. Our 12-member board is composed of state legislators, state agency executives, local elected officials and business leaders. We have worked hard to ensure The Point reflects Utahns' vision and values, setting <u>foundational principles</u> that guide our work.

On November 21, 2023, members of the <u>Statue of Responsibility Foundation</u> (Foundation), a nonprofit organization seeking to raise funds for the construction, operation and maintenance for the "Statue of Responsibility" (Statue) presented to the Board. In their presentation, the Foundation proposed to pay for the Statue through private donations. Board members were interested in the information presented about the Statue and encouraged the Foundation to submit a proposal.

We received a formal proposal from the Foundation in December 2023 and have been reviewing it in accordance with our <u>established process</u>. The Board's open and transparent approach includes extensive vetting and an objective evaluation of each proposal. This in-depth review has included a technical analysis of engineering and design standards, land use plans and funding strategies.

At this time, we have made no decisions regarding the Foundation's proposal. We look forward to engaging with the Foundation as we continue our thorough review.

After years of conducting surveys and workshops, we have heard from thousands of Utahns who overwhelmingly indicated a desire for an iconic feature at The Point. The Statue would be consistent with that feedback. We can assure you that prior to approving a project of this magnitude, we would provide additional opportunities for Utahns to tell us what they think. We welcome constructive public dialogue that ensures The Point is beloved by Utahns for generations to come.

.-Representative Jordan Teuscher and Lowry Snow, co-chairs The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority