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THE HONORABLE BLAKE MOORE
United State House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Moore,

Thank you for your letter, co-signed by the Utah Congressional Delegation, supporting the proposed United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Reorganization Plan and hub location in Salt Lake City. As you may have seen, the Department received over 40,000 comments on the proposed Plan and provided a summary of the public comments on USDA's Reorganization webpage.¹ The Department took note of the Delegation's constructive input regarding locating the hub near Logan, and the Department looks forward to soon announcing the final details of the Reorganization Plan.

The People's Department appreciates your continued support and welcomes any additional suggestions from the Utah Congressional Delegation. I value lawmakers' perspectives, particularly given you know your State best. We have a shared goal of making USDA more efficient and responsive to America's farmers, ranchers, producers, and foresters.

The Department's Office of Congressional Relations (OCR) remains available to you as a resource, and your staff can reach OCR at (202) 720-7095 or at ocr@usda.gov. A copy of this letter has been sent to your colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephen Alexander Vaden".

Stephen Alexander Vaden
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture

¹ Available at: <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/reorganization>.