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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Mr. President:

Six months ago, on October 27, 2010, I sent you a letter regarding the vacant U.S. Attorney position for the District of Utah. I did not receive a reply and the position has still not been filled. As you know, the previous U.S. Attorney resigned the post in December 2009. From that time until now, a year and four months later, the State of Utah has been without a U.S. Attorney.

As I noted in my initial letter, I respect your Constitutional authority and obligation to nominate someone to fill this post, as well as the Senate's authority and obligation to confirm or not confirm your nominee. I do not wish, nor would it be appropriate, to insert myself into either of those positions. However, a year and four months time without a nominee is simply unacceptable.

Utahns have been patient in this matter, as have I. But this has simply gone on too long. I therefore request that you put forth a nomination by June 30, 2011. In the event that you are unable to nominate someone by this date, please provide an explanation detailing your intentions and a date certain when a nominee will be announced.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Member of Congress