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The Honorable Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah
350 North State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Herbert,

It is with great honor that I serve and represent the people of Utah in Washington, D.C.

In my capacity as your advocate in the federal government, enclosed is a letter I sent to the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services today.

I am extremely troubled by the escalating outbreak in severe illnesses associated with the use of e-cigarettes. Utah alone is investigating at least 35 cases of lung disease linked to vaping; nationally, we're seeing the death toll and number of hospitalizations rise.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned Friday, while the investigation is ongoing, people should consider not using e-cigarettes. This federal investigation may take time to complete, and in the interim I urge Utahns to exercise extreme caution.

As you continue your efforts at the state level, I welcome your recommendations about how we can best address this issue in the U.S. Senate. I look forward to working with you as this investigation continues so that we may all work to keep Utahns, and all Americans, safe.

Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
United States Senator

CC: The Honorable Spencer Cox, Lieutenant Governor, Utah
The Honorable Joseph Miner, M.D., Executive Director, Utah Department of Health