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The Honorable Mike Lee
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Mitt Romney
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The Honorable John Curtis
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chris Stewart
U.S. House of Representatives
166 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Burgess Owens
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Blake Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: [Audubon Support for the Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act \(H.R. 4094, S. 1955\)](#)

Dear Utah Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of National Audubon Society (Audubon), I write to express support for *the Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act*. Audubon and its Saline Lakes Program, as part of our Western Water Initiative, works to advance balanced solutions for water use to ensure that birds, ecosystems, people, and economies that rely on water resources can thrive.

For more than 25 years, Audubon has been working to protect Great Salt Lake, including managing the Gillmor Sanctuary on the Shore of Great Salt Lake to provide wetland habitat for shorebirds and other waterbirds.

Great Salt Lake and other saline lake ecosystems are faced with serious challenges resulting from decreased inflows and diversions, drought, and the impacts of a changing climate. The devastating implications of drying lakes on people, businesses and the environment throughout the world is well known.

Increasing water conservation efforts and reducing water consumption is particularly essential to preserve Great Salt Lake and its surrounding wetlands habitats. Thus, many of our efforts in Utah support frameworks and tools to help communities and businesses conserve and balance demand for the state's limited water supplies.

Protect the birds and we protect the earth.

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The *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act* provides an important means to aid the State of Utah and its residents in their continuing efforts to stretch limited water supplies through the Central Utah Project Completion Act's purpose of promoting water conservation projects in the Great Salt Lake basin, which could in turn benefit the lake and surrounding communities.

We greatly appreciate the support of the entire Utah Congressional Delegation in introducing and advancing the *Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcelle Shoop".

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