

October 1, 2021

The Honorable Blake Moore  
U.S. Congressman, Utah 1st District  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: H.R. 5345 - Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021**

Dear Congressman Moore,

We are writing to express our great appreciation for your leadership in introducing H.R. 5345  
*"Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021."*

As you clearly understand, this legislation is key to establishing a science-based program that will benefit Great Salt Lake and other saline lakes ecosystems in the Great Basin. This in turn will benefit the wildlife and people who rely on these important ecosystems.

This legislation also highlights the important collaboration needed across federal, state, tribal, local agencies and other stakeholders to inform coordinated management actions. The multi-year regional assessment and monitoring program envisioned in the legislation can build on Utah's existing efforts to address the complexities of water challenges facing Great Salt Lake.

Preserving the gifts that Great Salt Lake provides can secure the future of local communities, our economy, and businesses, as well as migratory birds and other wildlife.

Thank you for your leadership. We appreciate working with you to advance this crucial legislation and related appropriations.

Respectfully,

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