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COMMENT FROM UTAH STATE AUDITOR TINA M. CANNON

Salt Lake City, UT— The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) has received multiple requests for comments and interviews regarding a letter issued publicly on behalf of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams's letter follows his prior efforts to reduce funding for the Office of the Utah State Auditor, remove the Office from its longstanding location in the State Capitol, weaken the State Auditor's statutory authority, and undermine the essential work of the dedicated professionals who promote government transparency and expose waste, fraud, and abuse across state and local government.

This letter will neither distract the Office from its responsibilities nor influence the findings of any audit currently underway or awaiting release.

State Auditor Tina M. Cannon has released the following statement regarding this issue.

"Mr. Adams has exhibited unacceptable and ongoing hostility not just to me as Utah's State Auditor, but toward the Auditor's office, its staff, our mission and constitutional duties, and the taxpayers who rely on us to root out waste, fraud and misuse of their tax monies. This improper conduct has culminated in his public release of a letter from his attorney attacking me personally.

The bullying of me and my office has to stop. To that end, I have retained a prominent Utah lawyer and will vigorously defend myself and the Auditor's office should Mr. Adams choose to proceed with his threatened, ill-thought-out lawsuit."

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor:

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operations, statutory compliance, and performance management, including the development of [Transparent.Utah.Gov](https://transparent.utah.gov), for state and local government. The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the Executive Branch of

government for the State of Utah. Learn more about the Office of the Utah State Auditor at auditor.utah.gov.

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