



Media Statement

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President Obama Listens to Utahns and Responds with a Visit

Salt Lake City – The White House announced this morning that President Obama is going to visit the state of Utah. "Over the last several weeks we set up a Facebook petition which garnered over 10,000 signatures of Utahns," explains Senator Jim Dabakis. "Additionally, the Utah Senate passed a resolution (SR3, the vote 21-5) inviting the President to come to Utah. Today, he graciously accepted and we are delighted!"

Senator Dabakis further expressed his feelings on the visit, "We wish the President was coming for a longer stay with the First Family. More time is needed to explore the most beautiful scenery on earth, but apparently the demands of the job are prohibitive of a longer stay now. In the Resolution and Facebook petition, we chided the White House for visiting 48 other states and 48 countries (including India twice) before visiting Utah as President but we are thrilled he is coming and hope he will see our beautiful mountains and enjoy some green jello on his trip. The magnificent four (and me) Utah Democratic State Senators have asked to be allowed to ride on Air Force One when the President arrives in Utah Friday. The White House was unable to immediately respond to the request."

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