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Via Email and U.S. Certified Mail

Honorable Allen Dickerson
Federal Election Commission
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RE: Tribal Expenses Related to Audit of UtePAC

Dear Chairman Dickerson:

On February 17, 2022, the Federal Election Commission (Commission) held a hearing regarding the ongoing audit of UtePAC, a political action committee established by the Ute Indian Tribe and primarily funded by the Tribe. UtePAC was represented at the hearing by Mr. Rollie Wilson who serves as an agent for UtePAC and also as our General Counsel.

As discussed at the hearing, the Tribe has the same concerns as the Commission regarding the management of UtePAC's finances by former Director and Treasurer, Mr. Robert Lucero. We directed UtePAC and our General Counsel to fully comply with the Commission's audit and work in partnership with the Commission to address any issues. The Tribe was also engaged in its own audit of UtePAC, initiated on January 4, 2020, when we learned about the Commission's ongoing audit that was initiated on October 2, 2019.

We understand from Mr. Wilson that during the hearing the Commission inquired about the expenses the Tribe has incurred in the course of its own audit and in responding to the FEC's audit. To respond to this question, we reviewed invoices from Wipfli, the accounting and auditing firm that we engaged to conduct our audit, as well as the time spent by our General Counsel to respond to the audit and correct UtePAC filings made by Mr. Lucero. Between these two efforts the Tribe has expended about \$100,809.50.

Please let us know if the Commission needs any other information. We look forward to concluding the audit and resolving these issues.

On Behalf of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee:

Shaun Chapoose
Business Committee Chairman