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Record Description:

All correspondence - and the department's response - including letters, transcripts or summaries of telephone calls, as well as any e-mails or other electronic communications from Sens. Bob Bennett or Orrin Hatch, or Reps. Rob Bishop, Jason Chaffetz or Jim Matheson, or any staff members of those congressional offices to the department regarding the expenditure of funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5) and transcripts, schedules, minutes and/or agendas of meetings between those congressional members or any staff member of the those offices with the department regarding the expenditure of funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5).

Preferred Form or Format:

Type of Requester (if provided):

A representative of the news media affiliated with The Salt Lake Tribune and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

Type of Media (if provided):

Newspaper

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

Concerns the operations and activities of government regarding the interactions of Congress with spending in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5)

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the



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information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

Release of the information by The Salt Lake Tribune, Utah's largest news outlet, is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

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Expedited Processing:

I believe a compelling need exists to warrant expedited processing because there is:

an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity exists (this option available ONLY for requesters primarily engaged in disseminating information)

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing:

As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about how or if congressional interactions influence spending from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5) because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.