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Dear Utah Legislator:

For almost 50 years, the ACLU of Utah has been a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to defending and expanding the civil liberties of all Americans. The ACLU works primarily in three ways: in the legislature, through public education and through the courts. Our office receives over 1200 complaints a year from Utahns who believe that their civil liberties and freedoms have been aggrieved. We often successfully resolve those concerns through low key, behind-the-scenes efforts. We also work collaboratively with various community groups in the public policy arena.

We look forward to getting acquainted with you and to working together on issues of mutual concern. Our office is available as a resource as you research and draft legislation. As we have done in the past, we will monitor bills in which we have particular expertise or concern.

These are our priority issues for the 2008 legislative session:

- ❖ Election reform: increase voter participation by enabling voters to register and vote on Election Day and eliminating the ability of individuals to file baseless challenges to voter eligibility;
- ❖ Reproductive rights: provide pregnant women with information and resources about substance abuse treatment; protect the right of pregnant minors to make choices about substance abuse treatment;
- ❖ Privacy/Technology: encourage the State of Utah to reject the federal REAL ID Act that mandates states to share driver license information with a national database;
- ❖ Immigration: protect the civil liberties and civil rights of all people, including newcomers and longtime legal resident immigrants;
- ❖ LGBT rights: prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace; provide that adoptions be based on the best interest of the child rather than housing or marital status.

Please feel free to contact us on any legislative matter. We look forward to working with you during the 2008 session.

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