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Re: About membership of Utah in the Mountain Partnership

Dear Governor Herbert,

It has come to our attention that you were recently asked by some of your constituents to join the Mountain Partnership, which is a global voluntary alliance of institutions and individuals, promoting sustainable mountain development world-wide. Currently our organization, the Gruppman International Violin Institute is a member of the Partnership, in which there is no financial obligations to join, just commitment to improvement of living conditions and destinies of mountain communities through their joint efforts. We recognize the importance of our membership in the Partnership, because of our location in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. We feel it a great honor to be in Utah and be affiliated with the Mountain Partnership and espouse its mission for sustainable mountain development.

The Mountain Partnership is ever growing, and the demand for mature members is urgent. In January the city of Orem recognized the many benefits the Mountain Partnership provides and has taken initiative in joining to become a leader on the international stage in mountain development. As you may know the City of Orem became the first government entity in the State, and the second in the Nation to join the Mountain Partnership, thus showing its leadership.

Very soon Utah Valley University, which is also a member of the Mountain Partnership, will be hosting the 2011 Women of the Mountains Conference. The Conference hopes to achieve the goal of bringing together the leading minds on sustainable mountain development and create a dialogue on how those means can be achieved. We have the privilege of hosting the Conference in our State, which is further proof that Utah is at the forefront globally in regards to sustainable mountain development. Over the years Utah has accumulated a vast amount of knowledge and experience with which to offer the rest of the mountain world.

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At Gruppman International Violin Institute we have the special privilege to work with talented youth and other individuals. We have had the rare opportunity to work with talented musicians in the state of Utah, as well as other mountain regions of the world through Internet and modern computer technology. Many of these accomplished individuals originate from mountain communities, and we are continually amazed at the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our organization. We know that there are many individuals with similar characteristics in mountain regions that wish to achieve success in their lives as well. The Mountain Partnership is the necessary interchange to bring about such success in these regions. We have had the opportunity to be a part of the state of Utah for many years now and have come to appreciate the hard working people that have made it what it is today and wish to transplant that into other mountain regions of the world.

As a member of the Mountain Partnership, we feel it is vital that government organizations recognize the great benefits the Mountain Partnership delivers to mountain regions in every part of the world through it's members and targeted initiatives to combat the unique challenges that mountain communities encounter. We hope that you will take seriously the opportunity to join the Mountain Partnership, the broad network of nations and organizations already working in conjunction with mountain development and to become the first state in the United States to do so. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or general information.

Sincerely



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