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Official Statement from Utah Parents United in Support of HB 267

Utah Parents United strongly supports HB 267 and urges the legislature to pass this important bill to increase transparency and accountability in public sector unions.

For years, we have advocated for policies that bring greater oversight to organizations that impact our children's education, including teachers' unions. Because of this, we have been unfairly labeled as "anti-teacher" and accused of seeking to destroy the UEA or strip teachers of their representation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We firmly believe that teacher representation is essential and that educators deserve a strong, responsive organization that elevates their voices. However, there has been a growing breach of trust—both between parents and unions and among teachers themselves, who are increasingly questioning their union's priorities and whether it truly serves their best interests.

HB 267 is not about dismantling unions; it is about ensuring that they operate with honesty, integrity, and accountability. Transparency strengthens trust, and trust strengthens institutions. This bill gives unions a critical opportunity to prove their value to the teachers they claim to represent and to restore confidence in their role within Utah's education system.

Across the country, states that have passed similar legislation have not seen unions disappear—but instead become stronger by becoming more responsive to their members. If the UEA is truly representing Utah's teachers, this bill will only enhance its credibility and reinforce its standing as a legitimate advocate for educators.

Furthermore, public unions should not rely on automatic taxpayer-funded mechanisms to maintain membership. If they are providing real value, they should be able to stand on their own merits, earning the trust and voluntary participation of their members.

Utah Parents United believes that accountability and transparency benefit everyone—teachers, parents, and students alike. For these reasons, we strongly support HB 267 and encourage the legislature to pass this bill to restore trust and ensure that Utah's education system remains focused on what matters most: the success of our students.