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## **MR. ZOOK GOES TO WASHINGTON** **Cache County Executive Advocates for Local Needs with Federal Delegation**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Cache County Executive David Zook last week visited Washington, D.C. to meet with the Utah congressional delegation and advocate for local needs. The visit, which was in coordination with a delegation composed of representatives from chambers of commerce from throughout Utah, included meetings with Senators Lee and Romney and Representatives Moore, Stewart, Owens and Curtis.

“I’d like to thank the members of our delegation for serving and representing us and I especially appreciate the time they took to meet and hear about our needs,” said County Executive David Zook. “We had good conversations about several of our Cache Valley priorities ranging from infrastructure to mental health, the economy and senior citizens services.”

Meetings were also held with the legislative directors and other staff who work for members of the Utah delegation to ensure that local needs were communicated. Specific topics addressed included challenges with the railroad that are preventing completion of road projects, assistance for victims of crime, the Bear River National Heritage Act HB 3616, water infrastructure, the recommendations of the Cache Housing Crisis Task Force, transportation infrastructure, mental health counseling resources, support for local businesses, public health funding, and support for senior citizen programs, including funding for the Meals On Wheels program.

“It was good to see the level of support and concern our representatives and their staff have for our needs,” said David Zook. “With the many pressing national problems they are working to address, I’m thankful that they are still willing to talk about and help with our local challenges as well.”

“The Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce takes legislative advocacy seriously,” said Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Jamie Andrus. “We’re very proud of the engagement opportunities we facilitate through our Legislative Affairs Committee. This committee, meeting weekly during the legislative session, determines priorities that are then forwarded to the Northern Utah Chamber Coalition, which in turn supports the priorities of the region. Our chamber has been on the front lines of several local legislative successes in the last few years, including the new Health Sciences building at BTech. The Chamber has a close working relationship with our legislators and finds them ready and willing to work closely with us to address the needs of Cache Valley.”

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