

February 22, 2024

To: United States Senator Mitt Romney

From: Utah Drag Racing Coalition (WWW.UDRC.US)

Re: Assistance request

Dear Senator Romney,

We are writing to address the urgent need for a Quarter Mile Drag Racing Track/Facility near Salt Lake City and to ask for your assistance to help meet this recreational motor sports need!

Since Rocky Mountain Raceway (RMR) closed in 2019, the need for a quarter mile dragstrip has never been greater in the Salt Lake Valley. Late night illegal street racing has become a serious problem on city, town, and county roads along the Wasatch Front. The former “Midnight Drags” hosted most weekends at RMR served the public with a venue for racers of all demographics to test their cars, compete, and grudge race. Now, racers are required to travel approximately six hours to Las Vegas NV, Boise ID, or Grand Junction CO to meet these needs. As a result, a rise in illegal and unsafe drag racing is occurring on the Salt Lake area streets.

We are writing to respectfully ask for your help with economic assistance and guidance from your perspective as our Utah Senator. A ¼ mile drag racing facility hosting events close to the Salt Lake Valley will certainly have a positive economic impact on the state and local community. Drag Racing in the SLC area has a 50+ year history at RMR, formerly Bonneville Raceway, which also hosted regional and national events with NHRA. Re-establishing drag racing at the NHRA level would certainly add to Utah tourism as well. “Bring drag racing back safely to the Salt Lake Valley” is our mission statement.

The greatest hope our grass roots group of drag racers and enthusiasts have, is for State the of Utah’s assistance with a plot of land that accommodates the need. A long-term lease on a state owned property in an area that is acceptable to local concerns is is the ideal. A facility located a fair and reasonable distance from residential areas is an important consideration since the drag racing sport is known to be loud!

Would you please consider helping meet this need and see it as an opportunity for a long term positive economic and recreational impact? As mentioned previously, we believe the potential for a positive impact to the Utah Tourism industry as well. Thank you for your consideration!

Kindest Regards,

Scott Williams

Utah Drag Racing Coalition (www.UDRC.US)

PO Box 341

Huntsville, UT 84317

Phone: 435.930.9212

Email: coyote2n1@yahoo.com