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**Subject:** Fwd: Area Code Overlay

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Mr. Harvey

I kindly request that the Utah Public Service Commission **reverse** its recent decision to "Overlay" a new area code on top of the multi-county 801 area code. Requiring a 10 digit phone number with multiple area codes in the same community **threatens the public safety of our children**. It is already difficult enough for them to remember a 7 digit number. To have to memorize a 10 digit number is exponentially more difficult. Not to mention the fact that by doing so goes against the very definition of an **AREA** code. If a geographic area is no longer defined by a single code, then why even call it such? It becomes merely a prefix.

In addition, county lines are perfectly clear, and although some local calls my still have to be dialed with 10 digits to cross county lines, it is already crystal clear where those boundaries are, and who it affects. Rarely do children go to school in a different county than the one they live in. Everyone knows what county they live in, and where the county lines are as it is a matter of where the services (fire, police, etc) come from. Which makes it a natural selection for the boundary for an area code. As a life long resident of Salt Lake County, I demand that you stop this insanity. Read the emails you are getting from your community. They are **demanding** a different path than the one chosen.

Respectfully,

P.S. The plan of 2000 required the split leave Salt Lake County with the 801 area code. I both live and work in Salt Lake County, and I would gladly accept a new area code for Salt Lake County and leave the other counties with the 801 area code than accept the overlay plan.

P.S.S. If you are not the correct individual to accept comments on this issue, kindly forward my message to the appropriate person. Thank you!