September 8, 2017

Dear Boys’ State Delegate:

Congratulations on your decision to attend the American Legion Utah Boys’ State. As you may know, the Boys’ State curriculum is a forum in civics education organized for high school seniors.

The Boys’ State experience provides unique opportunities, hands-on learning, interactions with public officials, and strong friendships with students from other Utah high schools. Volunteers, veterans, educators, and public officials come together to create an unparalleled learning opportunity for you. Your decision to participate in this program is admirable and speaks to the passion you have for governance and your love of our great nation.

The Class of 2018 will study our United States Constitution and carefully examine 231 years of government under this special document. The wisdom of this guiding document remains revolutionary to this day. I hope you will seize this opportunity to learn from its text and history.

The basic values of citizenship and public service are sustained by strong leaders under constitutional precepts. The sacrifices of those who precede us represent a noted legacy for citizens of our time.

The Boys’ State learning environment and associated scholarship initiatives is a great opportunity for Utah high school students.

I extend best wishes to each of you as citizens and future leaders within our communities.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor