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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of City of Orem, member of the Mountain Partnership since 2011, I would like to congratulate you both as leaders of *VERTEX* with official establishment of the North America Hub for the Mountain Partnership. Orem is proud to be an active member of the Mountain Partnership and will be glad to work with you to advocate issues and the agenda of sustaining mountain communities both in Utah and globally.

Unfortunately, Orem is unable to send an official representative to the 4th Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership in Erzurum, Turkey. We have asked our partners from Utah Valley University to represent us, and we would be pleased if *VERTEX* could also represent our interests during these important meetings next week.

Orem supports *VERTEX* as a candidate for the Civil Society Member of the Steering Committee for North & Central American and the Caribbean. We appreciate your institution's hard work and contribution to the mountain agenda since 2001.

We are looking forward to working with you in the future to build a network of our members in North America and join together in improving the futures of mountain communities in our region and worldwide.

With warm regards,

Jim Evans, Mayor
City of Orem