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Hatch "Hopeful" after Announcement of University of Utah Mental Health Institute

Salt Lake City, UT—Today, Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman Emeritus of The Orrin G. Hatch Foundation, released the following statement after the University of Utah announced a \$150 million gift from the Huntsman family to establish an institute devoted to understanding and treating mental illness.

"When it comes to suicide prevention and the effects of mental illness, my heart is both heavy and hopeful—heavy because of the many lives we have already lost in Utah, hopeful because of good people like the Huntsman family and their generous donation to the University of Utah. As with the Huntsman Cancer Institute, the establishment of the Huntsman Mental Health Institute will be transformative and provide life-saving assistance to those suffering," said Hatch. "Although I am no longer introducing legislation such as the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act, I am still firmly committed to being an advocate for mental health and working to save lives."

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