



C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

August 16, 2011

The Honorable Nathan Deal
Office of the Governor
State of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal,

Greetings from the great State of Idaho! As you know, the Boise State Broncos will be traveling to your state for the Chick-fil-A Bowl to compete against the Georgia Bulldogs. We are looking forward to these two great universities competing against each other in a game that will be viewed by a national audience. Unfortunately, the First Lady and I will not be able to attend the game in person but we will be cheering on our team from home.

It goes without saying that I fully expect the Broncos to win the competition on the field, but another contest will take place that day that will determine which of our states has the best tailgating barbecue. In the spirit of collegiate competition, I challenge Georgia to a barbecue throw down!

MickeyRay's Roadhouse BBQ from Idaho will cook off against Fox Bros. BBQ from Georgia in the Fan Zone. I would like to make a Governor-to-Governor bet, that Idaho's barbecue will win the vote of the game attendees as the better barbecue.

I think it would be appropriate for us to put two very important items from our states on the table – potatoes and peaches! When Idaho wins the blind taste test, you can send me a box of delicious Georgia peaches and in the highly unlikely event Georgia wins, I will send you a box of the best potatoes grown in the United States. Of course, it goes without saying that I fully expect the Broncos to win the contest on the field.

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are as excited as I am about the upcoming game. If you accept my bet please call my assistant, Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, at (208) 334-2100.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Butch".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

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Nathan Deal
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September 1, 2011

The Honorable Butch Otter
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Otter,

While Sandra and I regret that you and the First Lady were unable to attend this weekend's festivities here in Georgia, we are pleased to host Idaho's most esteemed football team – the Boise State Broncos. It would have been a great time to renew the friendship built during our tenure together on the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee. With a huge national audience and a primetime billing, this game certainly figures to be one for the ages. In fact, it reminds us of the last time the Broncos came over to Athens. I don't remember all of the details from the 2005 contest, but I believe the final score was Georgia 48, Boise State 13. Needless to say, Sandra and I are confident we will be cheering for the winning team in this rematch.

Also, I am writing on behalf of proud Georgians around our great state to formally accept the "barbecue throwdown" challenge you have issued. While Georgians have a healthy respect for all things Idaho, including Idaho cuisine, we are excited for Gem Staters to try some of Georgia's best barbecue, Fox Brothers-style.

When we win the blind taste test on Saturday, I will accept some of Idaho's famous potatoes as payment. I am so confident that our barbecue will win, that I am making a wager that some would see as reckless – promising to send Georgia's prized peaches your way should we lose.

I wish you all the best. If you have any questions, please contact my assistant, Carrie Ashbee, at (404) 651-7789.

Good luck,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Deal".

Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia