



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

GOVERNOR

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Dear Director Rodriguez, Secretary Johnson, and Secretary Burwell,

As Governor, I want to immediately eliminate the chance of the federal government using Idaho as a destination or a staging area for the influx of unaccompanied and illegal immigrants entering the United States through our southern border.

It should be understood that the State of Idaho and its subdivisions will not be actively involved in addressing the humanitarian crisis the federal government has created. Idaho will not open itself to the unwelcome challenges with which other states have struggled at the federal government's hands.

This entire catastrophe is only further evidence that the federal government continues to fail to administer the law and secure our southern border. The Obama administration seems to have entirely disregarded the impact of its failures on states and taxpayer resources.

It is imperative that Congress take action to correct loopholes and insist on enforcement of immigration policy instead of simply wringing its hands while this disaster unfolds. But until reform occurs, federal agencies must step up and solve this problem.

I urge you to take responsibility for the situation the Obama administration has created without foisting it upon states that rely upon our federal government to do its job. Idaho is not, and will not, be held responsible for federal mismanagement of this issue.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho

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cc: Senator Risch  
Senator Crapo  
Representative Labrador  
Representative Simpson