



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

April 4, 2014

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted today to the Secretary of State the following House Bill, which was allowed to become law without my signature:

HB 441aaS

as prescribed by the Constitution.

I am a strong supporter of eliminating the inherently unfair personal property tax, and I remain committed to working with stakeholders to eliminate this arbitrary assessment. But despite some positive, meaningful and necessary provisions in the original language of HB 441, amendments crafted late in the process have created potential ambiguity for some taxpayers who remain subject to the personal property tax.

I expect Idaho tax policy to reflect the values of predictability, simplicity and fairness. In implementing this law, and the inevitable future legislative efforts to address the tax and paperwork burden on Idaho businesses, I expect that we can and will do better.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Lieutenant Governor Brad Little