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Dear Director Armstrong and Director Deal,

It is with sincere appreciation for your superior commitment and tireless dedication to the citizens of the State of Idaho that I task you with leading the Medicaid and the Health Insurance Exchange Workgroups, respectively.

The workgroups need to consider two major issues – how to address the federal mandate for a health insurance exchange and whether to expand Medicaid eligibility to cover uninsured low-income adults.

While there are no easy solutions to the dilemma in which we find ourselves, the citizens of this great state are depending on all of us – from both the public and private sectors – to find answers that will help clarify our path forward.

It is with that in mind that I provide a list of questions for the workgroups to contemplate as they consider the task at hand. Please provide me with your individual workgroup findings and recommendations regarding the attached questions, and any other questions you may find germane, no later than November 1, 2012.

Thank you for supporting my efforts to find reasonable solutions to these complex policy issues.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho

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