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The Honorable Lawerence Denney Secretary of State Idaho State Capitol Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 25, 2020 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following House bill to wit:

HOUSE BILL 560A

This legislation has the potential to result in unintended tax shifts as well as a lack of uniformity in the process of agricultural land valuation. This legislation potentially creates a more arbitrary farmland valuation system that lacks uniformity across counties and farmland taxpayers. Without knowing local rates, we can't predict the magnitude of the differences between counties and farmland taxpayers. I encourage the legislature to follow up on this legislation to ensure that once implemented it works to maintain a fair, simple and predictable tax policy structure within our state.

Sincerely,

Brad Little

Governor of Idaho