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March 23, 2021

The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
Idaho Legislature
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 23, 2021 and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House Bill, to wit:

HB 167

within the time prescribed by the law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:40 p.m. on March 19, 2021.

I agree with the agricultural industry that the economic costs of regulation should be given appropriate consideration during the agency rulemaking process. However, this bill, combined with House Bill 51, could put the industry under increased scrutiny.

As you know, I believe the state should govern with the lightest hand possible. And, in that vein, I support both HB 167 and HB 51. However, I do have concerns that these pieces of legislation may increase the likelihood of agency rules being challenged in court. Equally concerning, we have seen federal judges subjecting dairies to onerous federal environmental regulations not previously used to regulate the industry.

We already have seen the new administration is unlikely to share Idaho's vision for limited government and realistic regulation. I urge caution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brad Little', written in a cursive style.

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State