



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

May 10, 2021

The Honorable Janice McGeachin
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate

Dear Madam President:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on May 10, 2021 and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following Senate bills to wit:

SENATE BILL 1217

Unlike Senate Bill 1136a, which I previously vetoed this legislative session, Senate Bill 1217 preserves the ability of future Governors to take timely and necessary action to protect Idahoans in future extreme emergencies, such as destructive earthquakes and cyberattacks, while also creating a responsible process to ensure the legislature is involved and able to assist with the state's response efforts. Further, Senate Bill 1217 better complements our state constitution and safeguards the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches.

Thank you to my colleagues and friends in the Senate who worked with my office to improve and modernize Idaho Code § 46-601. I am also grateful to all of those in the legislature who listened to my concerns as well as those of Major General Michael Garshak and Director Brad Richy. I also commend Senate leadership for their recent collaboration and willingness to compromise in the legislative process that resulted in broad support for Senate Bill 1217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

cc: Secretary of State