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**BRAD LITTLE**  
GOVERNOR

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
President of the Senate  
Idaho State Senate  
Hand Delivered

Dear President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 22, 2023, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate bills to wit:

SENATE BILL 1042a  
SENATE BILL 1043

within the time prescribed by law, SENATE BILL 1042a having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 8:58 a.m. on March 21, 2023, and SENATE BILL 1043 having arrived in the Office of the Governor at 8:15 a.m. on March 17, 2023.

I am supporting these two pieces of legislation because investing in and helping our vibrant charter school community in Idaho is imperative to the success of students and families. Education has been my number one priority and we have taken numerous steps to improve our K-12 and postsecondary education system. There is no better investment we can make as a state than one in our children and future generations.

These two bills represent progress for the charter school community. Specifically, they help the charter schools that are both the financial and academic leaders in the industry, the ones that show outstanding results among their students. All charter schools in Idaho should strive for their level of success. However, we also must be aware that these bills expand the state's help to charter schools and gives them opportunities not available to traditional public schools. Even if we have only a "moral obligation" to the balance of any bonds under these new laws, our state credit rating is on the line for these schools and the buildings they are financing. I will be watching this program closely to ensure there are no unintended consequences to both our state budget and hard-earned AAA credit rating.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho