



**BRAD LITTLE**  
GOVERNOR

April 8, 2026

The Honorable Phil McGrane  
Secretary of State  
Idaho Statehouse  
Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed the following House bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 674

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:31 p.m. on March 30, 2026.

I am incredibly proud of Idaho's position as the least regulated state in the nation. Since I became Governor, together we have cut or simplified 95 percent of regulations, removed outdated, obsolete, and unnecessary sections of statute, and directed state agencies to identify further efficiencies within government – all without sacrificing public health and safety.

The State of Idaho – not the federal government – sets and administers its own telecommunications rules, service standards, and oversight processes. My primary concern with House Bill 674 is its impact on rural Idahoans, who could lose access to essential telecom services if the federal government acts without considering state input. This could disrupt everything from everyday business communications and staying in touch with family to placing 911 calls in emergency situations.

I encourage the Public Utilities Commission to work with legislators and stakeholders to identify efficiencies while ensuring rural Idahoans are not disadvantaged by any changes to the process for discontinuing service.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho