



IDAHO VALUES ALLIANCE PRESS RELEASE

April 30, 2009

To: News Desks/Assignment Editors
Contact: Bryan Fischer (208) 841-2546
Executive Director, Idaho Values Alliance
www.idahovaluesalliance.com
bryan@idahovaluesalliance.com

IDAHO VALUES ALLIANCE CALLS FOR TEA PARTY II ON MONDAY, MAY 4

Boise – The Idaho Values Alliance today announced plans for Tea Party II on Monday, May 4, from noon to 12:30 p.m. on the front steps of the Capitol Annex.

Confirmed speakers include several legislators, among them Rep. Raul Labrador, who has remained steadfastly opposed to a tax increase, and Sen. Monty Pearce, who is opposed to the Senate's insistence on raising taxes.

The rally will be held if the Senate calls the House back into session in an attempt to force it to raise Idaho's gas tax.

The IVA has been in conversations with Tea Party Idaho, the organization which sponsored the rally on April 15, about co-sponsoring the event.

The purpose of Tea Party II is to give ordinary Idaho taxpayers the opportunity to voice their opposition to an increase in their tax burden during a recession.

Participants are urged to bring the same signs and the same energy they brought to the April 15 rally.

Said Bryan Fischer, Executive Director of the Idaho Values Alliance, "It's terrible public policy to raise taxes on Idaho families and businesses during the worst economy in decades.

“This showdown is Idaho’s version of the Shootout at the OK Corral, and the people want the House to know we stand with them and do not want them to back down one inch.

“A small increase in the gas tax may not seem like much, but while death by a thousand cuts may take longer and be less painful, in the end you’re still just as dead.

“Idahoans are saying that we are T-E-A: Taxed Enough Already. This is exactly what the whole Tea Party movement is all about.

“The House has already voted six times against any increase in the fuel tax. Our hope is that the Senate and the Governor will come to recognize that this is not the time to throw another brick in the backpack of Idaho families.”

The IVA urged its network in an email alert today to contact every member of the Idaho legislature to register opposition to a tax increase on fuel.