



April 10, 2014

Idaho Republican Primary  
PO Box 2267  
Boise, ID 83701

Dear Chairman Peterson,

I strongly support the Preamble of the Party. I am a consistent and proven conservative leader, fighting tirelessly to protect Idaho farmers and ranchers from the Endangered Species Act, the EPA and other intrusions on local control. I fight to protect our Second Amendment rights from federal encroachment and liberal interest groups, to resist federal regulatory overreach, to preserve state's rights under the 10th Amendment, and to uphold Idaho's constitutional prohibition on same-sex marriage. I have balanced Idaho's State budget every year as required by the Idaho Constitution, even during the Great Recession – without raising taxes. I have realigned Idaho's State government to its proper role, within taxpayers' means, and I have championed reductions in our income tax rates and efforts to eliminate the personal property tax.

I have chosen not to fill out the specific policy sections of the disclosure statement. A brief statement cannot fully encompass my positions on these issues. I believe that repealing the 17th Amendment is unnecessary if the 10th Amendment is fully and properly applied, but discussion and debate on that alternative is healthy for our republic. I oppose adopting the gold standard for our currency because of the critical leadership position the United States must take in the global market, but I support auditing the Federal Reserve in the interest of transparency and accountability.

There are other policy statements in the platform with which I generally agree, but I do not believe those statements adequately serve the purpose of completely informing voters on key issues. I believe it is critical that primary voters understand the positions of all candidates on areas of policy, and I welcome all Republicans to follow-up on their need for such information by visiting my website [www.otter4idaho.com](http://www.otter4idaho.com). I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

Sincerely,

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho