



Dear (Berry Picker),

Let's stop looking for reasons to disagree. Let's stop looking past good Republicans in pursuit of perfect Republicans.

Idaho Republicans have been incredibly successful at winning elections for the past 20 years. That is due in large measure to the great work of volunteers like you and the unanimity of opinion we have enjoyed on most major issues of the day. Now that unanimity is very publicly unwinding – not for the most part in regard to public policy, but rather over our own party processes.

Our differences are relatively small and transitory. Our similarities are great and transcendent.

As Senator Risch put it so well at our recent convention in Moscow, if you really want to understand the differences between Republicans and Democrats, go to Washington, D.C. But those differences hit closer to home the more we play into the hands of those with values and priorities so starkly at odds with ours in Idaho.

Our differences with President Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the D.C. Democrats are monumental, and growing. The differences between Republicans here at home by and large are ones of approach, strategy and tactics. For the most part, we have the same goals: Less government, lower taxes, less regulation, more freedom. Our differences are matters of degree, not substance. But they must not be allowed to fester. They must be resolved, because none of us in Idaho will be better off with Democrats in office.

I encourage you to join me in agreeing to let our Central Committee resolve this dispute over the chairmanship. Let's please focus on the core mission of the Idaho Republican Party – electing Republicans. That's the only way we all win, and remember that there's no substitute for victory!

As Always – Idaho, “Esto Perpetua”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

C.L. "Butch" Otter

Governor of Idaho

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