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After reading the article in the Coeur d'Alene Press yesterday regarding the Fair Board's response to the internal audit of the financial processes of the North Idaho Fair, I must share my thoughts with you. Our internal audit spent an extremely limited amount of time on this project and yet easily discovered many accounting inadequacies; however it is what we didn't see that concerns me.

I know that Chairman Green is working diligently to foster cooperation between all parties involved and I sincerely hope that the comments that follow do nothing to impede this progress. The tone of the Fair Board response as provided by Linda Rider seems to suggest a feeling that the audit is behind them with statements such as "There has never been a problem with misappropriated funds." My internal audit team cannot confirm nor deny that statement and therefore I highly recommend a full forensic audit be conducted by an independent third party immediately after this year's annual fair. This audit will not only clearly answer the question of proper fund handling, but provide assurance to the County that no laws have been violated and that no fraudulent activity exists.

Please let me know if you wish to further discuss this matter.

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