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Subject: Two bills we support

Dear N. Idaho delegation:

Missy and I want you all to know that we feel passionately about two bills sponsored by our own Reps. We want Mary Souza's bill moving school board elections to the general election to pass and we expect all of you to support it. We all know that if anyone votes against this bill, it is because of influence by the teacher's union and ISBA. We expect you all to represent WE the people of N. Idaho, not the above mentioned organizations. You could get their support and still lose your next election if We the people are angry. Please vote for this change, even if you have to amend the part of it about the zones. The argument about the inconvenience of the November election being to close to the January Board functions is ridiculous. This bill would result in many more conservatives being elected to the NIC board, as well as the three school district boards, especially 271 CDA. If we are ever going to break the Democratic party's hold on our schools indoctrinating rather than educating we need to elect conservatives to these boards! Please do the right thing!

The other bill is Luke Malek's bill to rework the states archaic liquor licensing system. The state I grew up in (New Mexico) had the same kind of system, and it was ultimately changed because everyone recognized that it suppresses the free market and discourages competition. In the strongest terms, we ask that you support this bill. In New Mexico if I recall correctly (this was 40 years ago), the changes were phased in over a 7 year period of time to allow current licensees to protect or sell their assets. It was a good thing!

Thank you for all your hard work down in Boise! We understand how much time and energy it takes and you all have our immense respect.

Kind Regards

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Subject: Apology

Dear N Idaho legislators:

I wanted to sincerely apologize for the ridiculous, angry, mean, threatening and intimidating email I sent to you the other day. I apologize not only for its tone, but for its content. I don't even believe the things I said about kicking democrats out, etc. I want to explain what happened that caused me to lose my mind. I had just written the subject line of the email to you, when my phone rang. It was my older brother calling. I love my big brother and he's a wonderful guy. We agree on most things in life, except one major exception: Politics (He's a liberal democrat.).

Anyway, the conversation started out cordial, but then he decided to bring up a couple of sore subjects on which we don't agree, and pretty soon we were screaming at each other, completely losing our Irish tempers. Finally, he hung up on me! I was absolutely livid.

So then, instead of discarding the email and taking some time to cool off, I fired off that gem I sent to you. Many of my friends, and most of my family are democrats, and I am ashamed for making school business partisan, which it is not! And, even if we had higher participation levels, there is no guarantee that the election results would be significantly different.

I do support Mary's bill, but I regret hitting "send" the other day, and I hope you will forgive me.

Kindest Regards

Jim Hightower