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To whom it may concern,

We have been bringing up the topic of lax regulations regarding metering of gas and oil at the well head (as is required in statute), since day 1 of the 2016 regulatory rule making sessions. Claiming that this topic was brought up too late in the process to deal with it now, as Eric has done, is just not true. As a taxpaying Idaho citizen I can not object strongly enough to the state allowing 1 operator to call the shots on this and other critical issues in oil & gas production here. The following letter expresses my sentiments and those of thousands of other Idahoans. I respectfully request that you change the proposed rules to read that whatever is produced from those wells becomes public immediately upon production. It is the ONLY way to keep everyone honest. Common sense dictates that you do that.

Here are some very informative links that state officials need to consider to insure that the state and taxpaying citizens are fairly compensated for the state and private minerals that are extracted in Idaho. Failing to adequately and effectively meter and monitor production and collect appropriate taxes and royalties is inexcusable and is a major disservice to citizens, as well as a failure of fiduciary responsibility as public officials. Under IDL and the State of Idaho existing and proposed rules, there is no requirement for independent verification of production data and no requirement for immediate release of production data to state officials or the public, which owns the minerals leased by the state, and which therefore has an inherent right to know how much of our minerals are being extracted and sold by oil and gas producers in Idaho.

I strongly encourage you to review the disaster that has happened in Idaho heretofore, and then act to correct these mistakes that cheat the citizens of Idaho and the state of their rightful income from mineral production. Your legacy will be defined by this important issue, and if you pay attention to what is happening across the nation and around the world, then you will quickly realize that the oil and gas industry has deceived you, lied to you, provided false or incomplete information and otherwise acted against the public's best interest in writing the laws that currently regulate oil and gas production activities in Idaho.

Even former Senator Larry Craig has told you that these matters need to be addressed immediately and effectively. It is up to you, as public officials, to do your jobs and protect your state and its citizens. You need to stop acting independently and start learning from mature oil and gas states that do NOT give away their state treasures to out-of-state corporations that want to rob you blind for their own profit.

Please review these critical links:

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/energy/oil-and-gas-severance-taxes.aspx>

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/letters-from-the-west/article91113802.html>

[http://www.theeagle.com/news/nation/idaho-officials-want-gas-and-oil-production-records-sooner/article\\_d39f3096-4b47-573a-a350-08d74408174e.html](http://www.theeagle.com/news/nation/idaho-officials-want-gas-and-oil-production-records-sooner/article_d39f3096-4b47-573a-a350-08d74408174e.html)

Your sincere attention to these matters will be appreciated by Idaho citizens, of which I am one, and it will help protect the state from the predatory practices of an experienced industry that specializes in maximizing its own profits at the expense of everybody else.

Yours,  
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