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My Fellow Citizens,
According to the Declaration of Independence, "government gets its just powers from the consent of the governed.", the people. I am deeply concerned with the attitude common among Idaho agencies and politicians, that they are there to serve the wishes of industry.

Clean air, land and water are essential elements of that inalienable right to Life. The combination of government power and the inalienable right to Life, means that government should put first and foremost public, health, safety and welfare. Idaho has a long sad history of allowing new industries coming into the state of writing the rules in their favor and then after the problems start to show up of then trying to as it were "shut the barn doors after the horses have gotten out."

I, as one of the governed whose consent you must have to exercise your just powers", demand that you put the well being of the people ahead of corporate greed and power. With the oil and gas industry, shutting the barn door after the water is polluted, or the peoples' health, property values and quality of life is destroyed is beyond too late.

We don't have to reinvent the wheel here, many states have already suffered the consequences of the oil and gas industry writing the rules.

I concur with the following.

1. Oil and gas records should be made public immediately. These records are critical to ensuring accountability transparency, and to the fair and accurate reporting of production for the protection of mineral interest owners and the taxpayers of the state of Idaho.
2. Metering and reporting of oil and gas should be done at the wellhead to protect taxpayers and mineral interest owners. Calibration should be done by an independent third party as often as is necessary to ensure accurate measurements. Meter reports should be made publicly available immediately after they are available.
3. The current setback from occupied structures is inadequate to protect people living with oil and gas. Setbacks should be greater than 300 feet to protect the health and safety of those who live and work near oil and gas infrastructure. Setbacks should be determined on case-by-case basis taking into account wind patterns, geographical features, and site-specific on-the-ground data. I support the doctrine of local control and the local government responsibility to protect health, safety, and welfare. State setbacks should not infringe on the right of a local government to implement additional setbacks as

necessary.

4. Surface use agreements should protect any lost income or lost property value and should not be restricted to lost agricultural income and lost value of improvements. The surface use bond should be increased to a minimum of $10,000 per well. $5,000 is not a sufficient enough amount to compensate a surface owner for damages, reclamation, and lost income.
5. Ensure bonding amounts, particularly blanket bonds, are adequate to prevent a legacy of abandoned wells currently seen in other oil and gas producing states. Ensure bonds stay in place over the life of the well or in cases when ownership is transferred to another party. IDL should create a statewide reclamation fund to reclaim oil and gas drilling operations.

Serve the People not the Profiteers,
Sincerely,
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