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## RUSS FULCHER CONSERVATIVE IDAHO GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE DISCUSSES THIS PAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Dear Friends:

When the legislative session closed on March 20, 2014, I completed my 10<sup>th</sup> and final session as state senator. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Idaho! The following is a brief description of some of the 2014 session activities:

Although Idaho's economy is not growing at the rate many of us believe it should, there was some minimal growth over the last year. This convinced the legislature to set an annual state budget at approximately \$2.9 billion, which is about a 5% increase over last year. This includes a 5% increase for K- 12 education, and just over 6% increase for higher education. Also included is a 2% increase in pay for state employees who have not had a pay raise in several years. Of that pay, 1% is permanent and 1% is a one-time bonus.

While Idaho has a low crime rate, there is also a high inmate recidivism rate. Senate Bill **1357**, also known as "Justice Reinvestment" legislation, will change how criminal code is carried out, and help to keep our communities safe. The language in **S1357** focuses on reforms in probation and parole, instead of continuing to increase incarceration rates or the lengths of sentences. This should help people leaving prison to achieve greater success in changing their lives. It's important to remember that with or without reforms, inmates leave our prison and become our neighbors; and all of our children go to school together. It benefits everyone for those on probation and parole to be successful contributors to the community by holding jobs, paying taxes and by taking care of their families.

An important bill that would have removed the sales tax on food fell prey to the game of politics. Despite wide-spread support and a long list of bi-partisan sponsors, this bill was not granted a hearing. It is only fair that citizens of Idaho enjoy the same benefit as people in 37 other states. The removal of tax on food would help families balance their household budgets, and also help the economy grow in Idaho's border towns. Language passed in Senate Bill **1332** will penalize officials who knowingly and willfully order Idaho law enforcement officers to seize guns or ammunition under a federal order or law. This bill focuses on those giving the order, imposes a civil penalty on the first offense, and misdemeanor penalties for repeat offenses. It also includes a clause saying it wouldn't affect any cooperative agreements with federal law enforcement on gang or drug related investigations. **S1332** is supported by the Fraternal Order of Police, the Idaho Sheriffs Association, and the National Rifle Association.

Senate Bill **1254** was nick-named the "guns on campus" bill. This legislation clarified the conflict between state law and university ordinances, regarding one's legal right to carry a firearm on college campuses. The passage of **S1254** allows retired law enforcement officers and people with Idaho's enhanced concealed-carry permit to carry concealed firearms on college campuses. Other states such as Utah have put similar laws in place with no increase in gun violence or gun accidents. Firearms remain prohibited in student dormitories, residence halls, and facilities seating more than 1,000.

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### IDAHO'S EDUCATION REFORM TEAM



On the subject of teacher pay, **H504** puts in place teacher "leadership premium pay." Teachers will be able to receive premiums of between \$850 and \$5,780 for mentoring fellow teachers, teaching in multiple disciplines - like English and Math, or filling hard-to-fill positions. The budget for this program is \$16 million, and comprises the first step in creating a different teacher career ladder.

Idaho high school students now have easier access to dual credit, advanced placement, technical professional classes and certifications. Students with college credits are much more likely to continue their education after high school. The passage of **S1233** makes scholarship money available for high school juniors (\$200) and seniors (\$400) for dual credit classes or test fees for advanced placement classes and professional certification tests.

### "COMMON SENSE NOT COMMON CORE"

Regarding student data: **S1372** should help secure Idaho student information and limits its use while creating a penalty for those that leak or misuse student data.

This year we also had the privilege of honoring Vietnam veterans who did not receive the honor they deserved when they returned home. The legislature passed **HCR 51**, asking the people of Idaho to reach out on March 30, 2014, Idaho's "Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Day." This "Welcome Home" is long overdue and much deserved.

I was particularly thankful that Idaho citizens continued to play an important role in the lawmaking process by providing testimony and counsel to legislators via phone calls, e-mails, and personal visits. A healthy republic depends on an informed, engaged citizenry. Thank you for being involved!

***Russ Fulcher recently participated in a town hall meeting in Burley Idaho along with 6 other conservative candidates. If you would like to hear what they said please click on the link below for all of the videos.***

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## LETTER GRADE FOR THE IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SESSION “C”

By John Eynon



A note to my fellow Idaho Patriots regarding the conclusion of the Idaho State 2014 Legislative Session as pertaining to K12 Education Policy. My thoughts are summarized in the following four point outline, which includes specific legislation passed during this session. There were other bills passed, but in general they dealt with minutia and administrative changes to already existing legislation, or were passed to extend the sunset clause on bills about to expire.

Letter grade for the Idaho State Legislative 2014 session regarding K12 Education:

“C”

Basically we had a hold harmless session. Certainly nothing was addressed regarding the concerns of most Idaho parents and teachers as pertains to the direction Idaho schools are being led.

What do you think the Idaho legislature got right concerning K12 Education:

**RS22523C1** provides for grant money to enhance secondary school programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources. This legislation is a step in the right direction. I wholeheartedly support the enhancement and expansion of Vocational, Trade, Agricultural, and Business Technical courses in our secondary schools. It makes significant sense to recognize these programs as preparing our children for the jobs awaiting them in Idaho.

**SB1229** provides counseling services for those students choosing to enroll in “Dual Enrollment” courses for college credit. This consideration should have been part and parcel to the legislation which provided for dual enrollment courses in the first place. It is a nice after thought piece of legislation.

**HB385** provides for school districts to share the cost concerning required building modifications to meet State Fire Marshall requirements addressing school safety issues. School districts will be required to cover the actual cost of meeting the building modifications. Certainly this bill makes common sense.

**SB1257** requires the re-painting of school buses from the standard “yellow bus” paint to another color when a bus has been sold to private interests. No more old yellow buses with the school district logos painted over. Seems like a reasonable requirement.

Finally, I am hard pressed to find any other legislation that has passed concerning K12 education policy which addresses the concerns of the overwhelming majority of voters.

**What did the Idaho legislature do wrong regarding K12 Education:**

The session failed to bring to a vote any bills addressing Parental Rights in the Educational Process, Withdrawing Idaho from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, putting Idaho Core Standards on hold until a true vetting process had taken place. Twenty six states across the nation have addressed over 200 bills concerning participation in Common Core, National Standards, National Testing, and issues concerning student privacy in relationship to Statewide Longitudinal Tracking Systems. Indiana just passed legislation to withdraw from CCSS. Five other states refused to participate. Idaho legislators would not even bring one bill to the floor for consideration? I am disappointed that Senator Thayne withdrew his bill to withdraw from the SBAC.

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The Idaho Governor’s Task Force on Education has disregarded the voices of Idaho voters concerning Propositions 1-2-3, “Students Come First”. Regardless of your position on these issues, the people did make their voices heard, and the task force proceeded to incorporate all of the elements of Propositions 1-2-3 in their recommendations. Not one of our representatives addressed this fact in this legislative session!

**HB543** declares an “**Emergency**” exists to ensure appropriations to provide for committees to address the recommendations made by the Governor’s Task force on Education: “Career Ladder, Average Daily Attendance considerations, Cooperative Service Agencies, Tiered Licensure, Accountability, Autonomy, Mastery Learning (Common Core Standards). In other words, we have some “unfunded” issues to deal with in the immediate future, such as how to pay for “broadband” services.

**RS22893** provides for the funding of “Leadership Premiums” for districts to proceed with teacher bonuses. This is certainly a convenient way of re-wording “teacher merit pay” which was voted down by the citizens of Idaho. I am not averse to creating teacher incentives which reward outstanding service! I am disappointed by the fact that fair teacher compensation has been neglected for a decade and not addressed by this legislative session.

Based upon what I have observed in this legislative session my top priorities as State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be:

Hopefully work with Governor Fulcher to reconvene the Governor’s Task Force on Education to address those issues of greatest concern to parents, teachers, and school board trustees... appoint committee members with the view that the best government is the one that governs least, and restore local control of our schools.

Put Idaho Core Standards on hold until a committee of Idaho teachers, administrators, and parents can be established to consider the latest national peer review regarding Common Core and National Testing, delegate proven professionals in the field of Child Psychology to determine the “developmental appropriateness” of CCSS and SBAC. Demand from the testing consortium empirical data proving the effectiveness of SBAC to actually improve student achievement results and narrow the gap between minority groups and Caucasian students.

Appoint a committee to readdress the Five Star School rating system to ensure the fine arts, music, performing arts, and visual arts are supported in order for a school to attain a Five Star rating.

Continue to pursue every means to enhance and expand vocational, trade, business technical courses for our secondary schools.

Work closely with our colleges and universities to take over the responsibility of improving teacher effectiveness, and continuing education courses, rather than pursuing a further reliance upon private corporations to provide for school improvement.

Surely, Idaho can do better in the future to address issues which will restore States Rights, and Local Control of our Schools!

## CHRIS TROUPIS ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL



*“I believe the time is right to ensure that Idahoans have a meaningful choice in this year’s election.”*

BOISE. Idaho attorney C.T. “Chris” Troupis announced at the State Capitol today that he is a Republican candidate for the office of Attorney General. He will challenge Lawrence Wasden, who has worked in the office for nearly a quarter century.

“I realize this is a big challenge,” Troupis told a gathering of supporters. “The incumbent has been in office a long time. But I am greatly encouraged by the support and enthusiasm I’ve encountered across Idaho. The time is right to ensure that Idahoans have a meaningful choice in this year’s election.”

“We live in an era in which political office has become something of an entitlement for a privileged few. I don’t believe the public trust should be treated that way. George Washington had the wisdom and humility to leave office after two terms. It would be well with the Republic if others followed that example,” Troupis said.

Troupis has practiced law for nearly four decades, since graduating from USC Law School in 1976. The last twenty-two of them have been here in Idaho. He is admitted to practice law in Idaho, California, Oregon and Illinois. His practice has included a wide range of cases, but his passion has always been defending the Constitution.

He has won a number of cases against the State of Idaho, including his defense of the Republican Party’s right to determine how candidates for office on the party ballot should be selected.

Troupis cited a few examples of his disagreement with the positions taken by the incumbent over the past several years, including ObamaCare, the use of public lands in Idaho and religious liberty.

“I have spent my life defending the rights of people who, in many cases, had no one else to look to for help. I understand my time and talents are a gift from my Creator. My legal career has not been a road to riches, fame or power – but the path of a servant.”

“No one but the Attorney General can stand in the gap for the People of Idaho. I am confident that I can meet that challenge.”

**Listen to Chris speak at the Burley Town Hall meeting just click on the link.**

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## WHERE IS INSPECTOR CLOUSEAU WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

By Tea Party Bob

Once again the Monster Media Moguls do the Governor's bidding. We would still like to know why they haven't been as diligent with all of the other real investigations that have popped up. We would also like to mention the timing of the article published in The Statesman about Donna Denney and this reopening of an investigation that was closed in 2012. We are sure that it is not because the Governor is trying to exonerate Donna Denney, but because he would like to cause some embarrassment to Lawrence Denney running for Secretary of State. Lawrence Denney has been a thorn in the governor's side since he led the charge in the house to kill the State Healthcare Exchange. It appears if you're a legislator and go against the Governor you are condemned and vilified by him and his cronies. The governor has proven that he can influence the new freshmen legislators as 30 of them were elected in 2012. This is the same year Representative Denney a three time House Speaker was pushed out by Scott Bedke who stole that title by one vote. As we get closer to the primary expect the incumbents to pull out all of the stops when it comes to dirty tricks. It would appear that the incumbents are a bit worried about their past record, and we should watch to see how many more of the challengers they try to vilify prior to the primary.

The bigger question is where was the Governor and our Attorney General when they first learned about the corruption in our prisons? Why weren't they screaming for an investigation of Correction Corporation of America, now being investigated by the FBI? Why did Senator Fulcher have to bring up the subject before they took action? Where was the Governor when Tom Luna gave a wifi contract to ENA, a Tennessee corporation when there were two competing bids from Idaho companies that were lower? Where is the investigation into the contract given to Qwest, which should have gone to Syringa, that could cost the citizens of Idaho 14 to 26 million dollars because of a loss of federal funding? Why wasn't the head of the State Healthcare Exchange fired for giving a no bid 375 thousand dollar contract to a member of the Health Exchange Board Frank Chan? When are we going to get some transparency on the 260 million dollars that the State passes out each year for investment tax credits? Where is the investigation into the Land Board's decision to approve the swap of a piece of property on Payette Lake assessed at 6 million dollars for a commercial building in Idaho Falls with an assessed value of 2.6 million dollars? Whoops, forgot the Governor is on the Land Board and wouldn't want to investigate himself. Oh! and so is our Attorney General.

Can't the citizens of Idaho figure out what is going on with this administration? When people are in control of government for too long a time, they get a sense of entitlement that leads to making the wrong decisions when it comes to the people they are serving. It comes down to the fact that "We get the government we deserve." This year we have seen 6 Republican conservatives step forward and ask the citizens of Idaho to give them a chance. This type of challenge within the same party has not happened for over 100 years in Idaho. These challenges usually take place when things are really wrong, because if all was well in our state you would not see these challenges to incumbents by members of their own party.

Let me put it this way. Idaho needs change to improve our economy and bring better paying jobs to our state. We need to improve our education system and that does not include the implementation of Common Core. We need to unleash our natural resources like all of the states east of Colorado have done by getting control of our land presently held in trust by the Fed's. We need to stop being the best state for minimum wage jobs. Butch Otter and his crew have had 7 years to turn things around, and he keeps saying things are better. He says the unemployment rate is down, people are back to work. What he doesn't talk about is the underemployment rate which has increased dramatically because of part time and low wage employment. The most recent numbers we have show Idaho with 5.4% unemployment, but over 10% underemployment.

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## WHERE IS INSPECTOR CLOUSEAU WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

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The Governor and his cronies have opened our state up to the plague of Obamacare with the implementation of the State Healthcare Exchange. The state will now be in charge of enforcing the laws associated with Obamacare. With all of the changes President Obama has made to the Healthcare Law and all of the exemptions he has made to special interest groups, even he sees this system is not going to work. Now he is trying to forestall full implementation of the individual mandate until 2016 when he will be out of office. Why is it that politicians never want to admit their mistakes? Wouldn't it be easier to admit you're wrong and straighten things out than to continue on with a mistake that will take its toll on every citizen in our state? What will happen to the 100,000 + Idaho citizens that are due to lose their healthcare plans in October? Will they get a reprieve with another delay? Will their rates double? Will their deductibles increase? Will they lose their doctors or medication? Or will we have a new Governor that will bring in new solutions and throw out the State Exchange and all of Obamacare's silly rules with it, and stand up for our rights as a sovereign State. The outcome will be up to you as Idaho's voters.

The Governor wants another four years to move the state forward and improve our economic situation. All I have to say is he had his chance for the last 7 years, and there has not been much improvement. If we give the governor another 4 years, he will expand Medicaid, raise your gasoline taxes and registration fees, continue to implement Common Core and bring more federal intrusion into our lives with the State Healthcare Exchange and all of the rules and regulations that go with Obamacare. My bet is that if he is reelected for a third term he will abdicate halfway through his term and turn the office over to the Lt. Governor because I believe he is seeking higher office in Washington. Remember Governor Kempthorne?

## SPEAKER BEDKE KILLS GROCERY TAX BILL

By Tea Party Bob

*This piece was posted on our facebook page and received over 350 hits so we thought it warranted another viewing in the newsletter. Many people forget that Speaker Bedke proposed his own version of how to change the grocery tax which once exposed showed that only the upper income citizens would benefit from his plan so he dropped it. When it comes to helping Idahoans it appears that Speaker Bedke is only interested in Helping himself.*

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It is just amazing how vindictive some politicians can be during an election year. Here we have Senator Fulcher who proposed to eliminate the grocery tax bill and give all the people of Idaho a real tax break in these difficult economic times, and House Speaker Bedke shelves the bill so it can't come to the floor for a vote. Here is a bill that was sure to pass with 30 sponsors. Because it's an election year and Senator Fulcher's name was on the bill, Speaker Bedke kept it from being voted on. Bedke did not want to see Senator Fulcher, who is running for Governor, to get any credit if this bill passed. Your children have less food on the table so that Speaker Bedke could stop the Governor's opponent from gaining recognition. Keep in mind that they did pass a tax reimbursement bill for business and they did raise the salaries of the constitutional officers. We need to remove these destructive elements in our legislature who manipulate in order to achieve their goals. When politicians remain in office for too long, they begin to think they are all powerful and in some cases above the law. We should all remember who tried to help Idahoans in the May Primary



## ROAD TO THE FIX

### “NIXING” BIG GOVERNMENT By Rich Loudenback

The biggest problem our country has currently is big government itself. The surge in big government expansion is overwhelming. Our freedoms are rapidly eroding by way of never ending new laws, executive orders, taxes, an incredibly costly myriad of regulations, weakening of the dollar, the health insurance debacle, political favoritisms, and outright corruption. There certainly is a gut desire to want to shout out that we are madder than hell and don't want to take it anymore!

Government intrusion into about everything today is all about power and control. Salesmen can sell anything. And 'Big Gov' is constantly selling us a bill of goods about well designed intentions to 'help' and 'make better' for citizens. Government is not supposed to be running and ruining our lives!

“Freedom is difficult to understand because it isn't a presence but an absence – of governmental constraint,” stated *former Secretary of the Treasury the late William Simon*.

THE ORIGINS OF THESE PROBLEMS TODAY ARE NOT PARTY PROBLEMS. They are born of the lack of understanding by some of truthful character and downright deviousness by others in government.

The fix starts with increased vigilance and our demanding a lot more accountability from elected representatives and appointed bureaucrats and exercising our rights as free citizens to make a difference through them armed with substantiated facts on issues.

Attending meetings whenever possible rather than accepting spin, media bias or outright lies of politicians, is critical to civic communication as well as, when necessary, hammering down at the voting booth, i.e. Like: Atta boy! or You're fired!

#### **Representatives' Absolute Accountability**

New costs to businesses and taxpayers are being foisted upon us via new regulations in unprecedented numbers (thousands.) Where is the outrage from all our representatives, who were elected to look out for our good, and their effort to fight for us over this nonsense, with subpoenas when necessary, for the results we deserve? So to that end legislators' every action needs exposure more than ever. We are blessed with having some 'good' elected officials here in Idaho, but not nearly enough. And, we shouldn't confuse words and efforts with results.

The fact that complexities abound in every law & regulation is more contrivance than necessary. It's become a way of doing stuff. Loopholes to benefit from, details requiring legal help for clarity and conflict resolutions, requirements benefiting special interests, and sway for union influence etc, etc. Where is the looking out for the people (REALLY!!!,) in this overwhelming madness of complexness. Also stated by former Treasury Secretary William Simon, “Things work best that work most simply.”

**This is truly the toughest time for representatives in US history. They are overburdened with time constraints requiring a level of dependency on staff and unfortunately too often trusting the integrity of poker faced lobbyists. You know the look. Think Obama.**

**Today's representatives worry too much about the wrong things. Way too much! They worry about election strategies, being politically correct, endlessly campaigning for necessary donations and forthrightly pleasing their blessed big donors. Their priorities are upside down.**

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## ROAD TO THE FIX

### “NIXING” BIG GOVERNMENT By Rich Loudenback

It is the **DUTY** of our elected representatives to stop the march toward socialism and world government that is rapidly taking down this country. Good representatives doing good will probably have to override presidential and gubernatorial vetoes, but such should be their resolve if they truly will uphold their oaths to the Constitution and the American people and fundamentally get us back to what brought us. They need to fire lots and lots of bureaucrats, appointed overseers and especially all the Czars on their way to eliminating whole departments and agencies while also eliminating redundancies and waste. Representatives need to hear the message from us: Fire or be fired!!! Straighten this mess out or get out! The Tea Party movement is a blessed thing and all representatives better start paying attention to their heartbeat. It's America's heart.

**A good representative doing good: i.e. following the constitution and ‘really working’ at making our system work simply and affordably with as little government involvement as possible is all that should be focused on. When they are noticed doing that the rest will come to pass. Appreciative citizens will donate and vote.**

“Yes, there is no ‘Easy Fix,’ Dorothy.” (for those ‘Wizard of Oz’ Fantasylanders.) Like never before Americans need to start educating themselves by seeking facts and comparing their sources. Because you’ll find out once you start checking up on them, ‘Big Media’ isn’t treating you right. Communists need the American people to be ignorant; American Patriots

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## TO GOVERNOR OTTER AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS

### WHO VOTED FOR THE STATE EXCHANGE. **“WE WANT THIS LAW REPEALED”**

#### Governor CL “Butch” Otter

#### REPRESENTATIVES

Brandon A. Hixon R Dist 10	Carolyn Meline D Dist 29	Christy Perry R Dist 11
Clark Kauffman R Dist 25	Darrell Bolz R Dist 10	Dell Raybould R Dist 34
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John Gannon D Dist 17	Julie VanOrden R Dist 31	Kelley Packer R Dist 28
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## FOUR REASONS I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE

By Tony Snesco



*After serving 4 years on the Poway City Council from 1990 to 1994 (a city of 45,000) and then running for Mayor against the incumbent and losing, I made a promise to myself to never run for office again. Then why am I running for Idaho Senate in District 19 where a Republican has never won and the incumbent senator took 70% of the vote in the last election? For these four reasons:*

### **Evict the lobbyists from their leased offices in our Idaho State Capitol building**

Our elected officials have their offices on the Garden Level of our Idaho State Capitol; the Senate is on the west side and the House on the east side. Between their offices are rooms leased to lobbyists. Yes, the people's Capitol building leases space to lobbyists and the location of their offices give them unfettered, monopolizing access to our elected officials. This room is not available to citizens when lobbying for citizen's issues unless they pay an annual fee to join this "club."

*And I said that I would never, ever do this again!*

And, if their leasing office space in our Capitol isn't enough for

concern, consider their title. Lobbyists in our Capitol are not called lobbyists; their title is, "Legislative Advisors." They are there to "advise" our state legislators in making the right legislative decisions regarding their issues.

Lobbyists have been a part of our republic since its inception and there are two very different categories; Corporate Lobbyists who are seeking to win contracts, money or favor from the state, and Citizen Lobbyists who seek answers and remedies to citizen's issues.

Corporate lobbyists should not have a permanent residence in the "people's" Capitol because it gives their issues the advantage over citizen's issues. Citizens are required to set appointments to meet with their legislators where lobbyists have an unsurpassable gauntlet that must be navigated daily by our legislators. My recommendation is that the lobbyist's office space be open to all citizens for scheduled meetings with their legislators. Capitol Pages should be assigned to work the reception desk in that office during legislative sessions and maintain a schedule for use of those rooms by citizens and lobbyists.

### **Self imposed term limits**

Every one of our Idaho elected officials should have a self imposed term limit based upon their campaign promise of pursuing measurable goals to improve Idaho for its citizens and businesses. If an elected official or candidate has no goals other than to maintain their party line and "occupy" their seat, the voters should respond, "Been there, done that!" Voters want solutions rather than someone "inhabiting" a seat for general party principals.

We should ask every candidate, "What will you do for Idaho in your next term?" and require them to provide measureable goals by which they can be judged at the end of their term. If they were successful and can articulate measureable Idaho centered goals for another term, only then should they should run for re-election.

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## **FOUR REASONS I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE**

**By Tony Snesko**

### **Stop the funding of legislator's campaigns by lobbyists**

Idaho's districts are small enough that they can be walked by their candidates. All candidates for Idaho office should spend shoe leather and face time and not lobbyist's money to get elected and re-elected. 10's of thousands of dollars are spent by lobbyists to win the favor of our legislators, and most legislators would protest saying that their vote can't be bought. They may not be bought, but there is a level of influence that comes with campaign contributions.

I will take no campaign contribution from lobbyists and urge all candidates to do the same.

### **Stop wasting lives and millions of dollars on Idaho prison's and juvenile detention's revolving door**

Idaho's prisons are filled with Idaho's sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters who have made mistakes in their life and want desperately to turn their lives around when they get out, but our parole/half way house system often hinders their recovery, becoming the enabler for a revolving door system for more than 35% of them. They end up behind bars again and again, breaking the hearts of their Idaho families and the pocketbooks of Idaho tax payers.

Every week I am a volunteer in our Idaho prison system and have heard their stories. The common thread with the vast majority is their fear of not being able to make it on the outside. They are being placed in half-way houses, many of which are replete with substance abuse and crime, making it extremely difficult for them to stay clean and sober.

These prisoners also say that they need mentors from our communities who will meet with them regularly and hold them accountable and give them a hand-up, not a hand-out.

I have a public/private partnership plan that will dramatically slow our prison's revolving door, making our communities safer and reducing our prison and juvenile hall population, which will save Idaho tax payers millions of dollars annually.

There is a safe and sober housing ministry in Meridian that has a 2% recidivism rate compared to Idaho's prison system's claim of 35% (some say it is closer to 70%). This Meridian ministry presently has 2 operational homes, but could use many more and doesn't have the funds to accomplish this. The land board presently has 21 commercial properties that are bringing in less than 1 ½% interest and several of those properties should be traded to purchase more residences and lease them for \$1 a year to ministries and programs with a proven track record of low recidivism rates.

This program will include safe and sober housing and life skill mentoring programs for juveniles being released from the juvenile detention facilities who, quite often, end up as adults in our prison system.

The prisoners I meet with weekly are paying their debt to society; let's give them a fighting chance to survive outside of prison and give them back to their families and community restored and healed. Let's stop the revolving door in our prisons that wastes millions of precious tax payer dollars. We can do this!

It is these four bi-partisan issues that will attract votes from across the aisle and, if elected, I promise only to serve for two years and work diligently to promote these campaign goals.

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# **EVICTI NOTICE**

**FROM THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO  
TO ALL CORPORATE LOBBYISTS  
AKA "LEGISLATIVE ADVISORS" WHO  
LEASE SPACE IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE.**

**We, the citizens of Idaho,  
demand that these leased office spaces  
be vacated and returned to us,  
the citizens of this great state,  
by the first day of the next legislative session.**

**Signed,**

*We the People*

## ROSANN WILTSE – CANDIDATE FOR HOUSE SEAT DISTRICT 16A



As a Mom, a school teacher, and a Gem State Patriot, I am deeply concerned about the future of our state and our nation. To find local solutions for local problems, I served the people of District 16 as a Precinct Committeeman for the past two years. For the past year, I served as the District 16 Chair, and was on the Ada County Republican Executive Committee. Then during the past 6 months, I also served as the Ada County Chair for the Republican Liberty Caucus of Idaho.

During the 2012 and 2013 Idaho legislative sessions, I was a Legislative Intern, where my work included research into Idaho Code, writing legislation drafts, and maintaining legislator/constituent communications. I gained valuable insight into the legislative process, as I attended the House sessions and select House committees daily.

While going door-to-door, meeting the people in District 16, I discovered that many voters have nearly given up hope on Idaho government. They feel like even when they do speak up, their voices are not heard. I plan to give the people of District 16 a voice at the state level.

There are many voters who would like to become more active in politics. On my “drawing board,” is a plan called *The Educated Citizen*, a curriculum that teaches everything from “How to Navigate the Legislative Website,” and “How to Write Legislation,” to classes on the Idaho and United States Constitutions. This knowledge will generate higher voter confidence. It will eliminate what some sense as a “professional distance” between themselves and their legislator.

I am a graduate of Gem State Academy in Caldwell. I went on to receive my Bachelor of Arts degree in Neuropsychology, with a minor in Theatre, from Metropolitan State University of Denver. I spent over 20 years working in research, teaching and leadership training. For the past 6 years I worked in the Idaho educational system as a substitute teacher for all subjects, all grades, special education, and as a nurse technician. Currently I am teaching Earth Science and Biology at Centennial High School in Meridian.

A safe school environment for our children is paramount. Our schools must enhance critical thinking, and embrace the basic skills of logic and freedom of expression, which are so necessary for the entrepreneurial spirit to thrive. Our children, as well-equipped and well-rounded individuals, won’t just be out looking for a job. They will be the ones starting new businesses, making the jobs for themselves, and for others.

The prosperity of individual businesses will increase the development of more and better jobs. The better the jobs, the better the families of Idaho can provide for themselves. I am committed to helping Idaho businesses exceed the level of success they have seen in the past. This includes them not having to compete with tax-exempt, government-owned businesses, and having access to our natural resources. I will also work to find methods for attracting more businesses to Idaho.

As a Representative of the people in District 16, I will endeavor to gain their trust by listening to all sides of the issues, building consensus, and working in a nonpartisan way. These times require principle and flexibility, in order to accomplish our common goal of helping the state by first helping its citizens. I will bring fresh ideas from a feminine perspective, and a cooperative nature, with empathy and compassion, which is gravely needed in our legislature.

## **A TIME FOR ACTION**

**By Warren Grover**

My fellow patriots, I know that I have done so and I am sure you have asked yourself many times “what can I do to help correct the many wrongs in our country at this time.” If you are reading this in the Gem State Patriot Newsletter, I have no doubt that you are already doing many things at various levels of our society to try and address one or more of the issues we are facing. However, does it sometimes seem to you that no one from the government, who might be able to make some substantial changes, is listening to “we the people?”

Personally, I am of the opinion that the time has come for action to ensure that our government officials at the federal level are at least aware of the discontent in the land and, perhaps, to force them to make some of the changes needed to ensure our survival as a nation. By force, I do not mean armed revolution; instead, armed with the U.S. Constitution and a strong faith in God, we must make a stand or it will be too late.

I am not the only one with this opinion.

If you go to this link: you will read all about Operation American Spring.

<http://patriotsforamerica.ning.com/forum/topics/operation-american-spring-washington-d-c-in-the-cross-hairs-the>

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Vallely, the founder of [Stand Up America](#), an organization that provides education resources for leaders and activists based on the values of the Founding Fathers, has called for a massive march on Washington. “It is time to recall the reprobates and reclaim the power of the people,” Vallely said. “We need to start with the White House and all of Obama’s appointees, especially Eric Holder. ... Then on to Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi – the architects who shoved Obamacare down our throats. We also cannot forget John Boehner and company who openly castigate the tea-party caucus which are only doing that which they campaigned upon.”

Retired Col. Harry Riley of Patriots for America has taken the lead and fleshed out the “rules of engagement” and the mission of this proposed march. In the link referenced above, you will find the mission, assumptions, concepts and goals of this operation. In general, the goal is to gather up to 10 million or more patriots for a May 16<sup>th</sup> peaceful march on Washington, D.C. Then, at least a million or more people are asked to remain in D.C. as long as it takes to see Obama, Biden, Reid, McConnell, Boehner, Pelosi, and Attorney General Holder removed from office.

I certainly don’t want to “spoil” your reading of the above link, so I ask you to go there and to see for yourself what the remaining concepts of this undertaking are. As General Vallely has stated, we must be prepared for whatever the administration throws at us, but “armed with the constitution and spirituality” we can and must make a difference before it is too late.

I hope to see you in Washington at some time this summer.



**\$100,000 Consultant**  
**By Robert Forrey**

The Idaho Supreme Court wrote in the 1960 case of Village of Moyie Springs v. Aurora Mtg. "...it is not the function of government to engage in private business... The Constitution of both the State and the Nation were founded upon a capitalistic, private enterprise, economy, and were designed to protect and foster private property and private initiative."

In spite of this statement by our Supreme Ct., Attorney General Wasden has advised the Land Board members that they are required by the Idaho Constitution to invest school endowment money in commercial property. Sadly, Gov. Otter, School Supt. Luna, Sec. Of State Ysursa and Controller Woolf have taken Wasden's advice.

The Constitution does provide for the Board to exchange granted or acquired lands for other lands, but it does not say what those lands must be. Nothing requires them to acquire commercial lands, buildings or businesses. That is what this Land Board has chosen to do.

At the March 2014 Land Board meeting, the Board approved spending \$100,000 for consultants to assist the Board in managing the School Endowment Fund portfolio.

According to the Request For Proposal (RFP) guidelines to prospective consultants, the Land Board plans to sell, over the next 20 years, \$200 million worth of residential lots. This R.F.P. states that the Board plans to "Reinvest most of the proceeds from land sales into Idaho commercial property..."

Due to pressure from organizations like the Idaho Freedom Foundation, Idaho Tea Party and the Gem State Patriots, the Land Board placed the program to acquire commercial property on hold. That sounds good until we find that the "hold" policy only lasts until the pending completion of the \$100,000 review committee report is due on 16 Dec. 2014.

It just so happens that this will be after the elections in November. Then the Board will be right back buying up more commercial property in competition with private enterprise and removing more property from the tax rolls. That is unless we replace every current Land Board members in the up-coming November election.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.**

## DO OUR IDAHO PUBLIC COLLEGES RESPECT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?

I am pretty sure Governor Otter was not happy signing S1254, the guns on campus legislation. He would have to undercut his own gubernatorial appointments to the State Board of Education and their selections of university and college presidents. On the other hand, conservative people would make it their personal mission to oust the governor if the constitutional rights to self-defense were eroded further. Many resolutions within the Republican Party regularly have addressed this issue and were summarily ignored; this even predated the *Heller* decision, which reignited these battles. Governor Otter was even personally questioned by a Republican precinct committeeman in Garden Valley about guns on campus during his first term. Governor Otter could have had these issues addressed earlier in his two terms; he chose not to address them. S1254 had veto-proof margins in both houses; this was a political calculation. This does cause me to question which constitutional rights he considers as outmoded.

Idaho's State Board of Education considers "due process" as a personnel issue and not as a constitutional right. Almost ten years ago, this board had problems closing University of Idaho programs without giving enough time for students to finish their degrees. This qualifies as property damage and violates the Fifth Amendment. More recently, they also backed an order to dissolve the Idaho State University faculty senate because of a vote of "no confidence" of their university president. This violates the right to association in the First Amendment. When the State Board of Education was caught spending money without authorization for ISAT testing six years ago, they were also caught regularly violating the closed session meeting procedures. All votes must occur in open session and general notes of the closed proceedings must be made part of the record. The Deputy Attorney General for the State Board of Education, Jeffrey Schrader, took part in those closed meetings. By the way, he was married to a Boise State University engineering dean, Cheryl Schrader, and he claimed "conflict of interest" to prevent problems going to the State Board of Education for an investigation. The State Board of Education would not recuse their lawyer when asked in their public open forum. Idaho's State Board of Education has major problems when it comes to constitutional rights. Jeffrey Schrader is still their lawyer. With actions like this, why does Governor Otter also continually reappoint Milford Terrell and Rod Lewis back to the State Board of Education as well?

When Bruce Newcomb, the Boise State University (BSU) lobbyist, uttered the phrase "dead constitution" during the S1254 testimony, we should be concerned if we are even a free people anymore. It probably reflected one reason these problems were not addressed when he was Speaker of the House under Governor Kempthorne. It also reflects how BSU handles its own problems. BSU was sued over denying funding to religious student organizations in December 2008; the discrimination started in 2003 and Governor Otter was informed about this problem in September or October 2008 at the Homedale Capitol for a Day. Governor Otter did worse than nothing; he tried to defend BSU without looking into details. In February 2009, the BSU General Counsel claimed what the University was doing was unconstitutional and started negotiations for a settlement. Negotiations dragged out involving a right to association on creating restrictions who could be a religious student group leader. You could even argue negotiations occurred in "bad faith" and this led to Senate Bill 1078 last session to specifically prevent this type of discrimination.

When President Kustra first arrived at BSU in 2003, his university lawyers and vice-presidents didn't even want to acknowledge their student-personnel grievance policy. This occurred for two years. It took a threat of a legislative audit behind the scenes for him to acknowledge "due process" rights under his own university policy. The University did not want a workplace violence policy implemented as per state law.

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The Division of Administration was upset for two reasons; they didn't have jurisdiction and the Division of Human Resources was trying to cover for BSU. The official response from the State Board of Education was "No discussion. No action." In 2007, Heather Dudney-Hall discovered what it was like to be escorted off the campus in handcuffs, not find out what the charges were against her for three weeks, and then given only a weekend to respond to a propped up student judiciary with evidence being withheld from her to be effectively expelled from BSU. Maybe Mr. Newcomb is right that the U.S. and Idaho constitutions are dead on the BSU campus.

Our Idaho history never intended us to not have guns on campus. Many of our state legislators carry and our state capitol building allows open carry. Are we claiming this area is a less sensitive place than a college campus? Our state constitution claims we are an open carry state. The University of Idaho has a shooting range. The law for a regular concealed carry weapons permit acknowledges training from a college as a credential for that permit. Weapons other than firearms also have historical and cultural significance. Should I tell a self-defense class or a Native American group they cannot have a ceremonial knife for a presentation? That would violate the First Amendment, by denying freedom of expression. There is more than just the Second Amendment that is at stake.

President Kustra would like to use the word "school" to justify prohibition and cloud the matter with private entities like College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, and BYU-Idaho. These institutions are private, and enjoy considerably more freedom in making choices than public, tax-funded property. Their budgets are not discussed at the Legislature or the State Board of Education. Their personnel can be brought up on criminal charges if wrong doing occurs. These private institutions have the right to association that can also allow a prohibition under the First Amendment. In contrast, our public institutions don't have that right. Our public institutions have their finances discussed at the Legislature and the State Board of Education. Boise State University can claim Eleventh Amendment immunities against lawsuits by students and employees; effectively you will be suing the State of Idaho with their wrong doing. There is quite a difference.

Grade schools through high schools use the philosophy of "in loco parentis". The school is effectively acting as the parent when it comes to decisions of our kids. Colleges and universities derive their power over adult students from contract law. This division began with the court case *Alabama v. Dixon* in 1961. Under contract law, both the students and employees have a shared responsibility as adults in decisions, responsibilities, and enforcement of that contract. University policies are contractual matters. It is also a college student's responsibility to not take a college employee's advice, especially when advised to do something self-destructive. You have the right to say "No" as an adult.

These differences in the aforementioned philosophies of *in loco parentis* and contract law even extends into funding language in state law. I do not think President Kustra would be happy with an interpretation of free schools in Idaho's constitution to mean free colleges as well. President Kustra led the charge to redefine "tuition" and "student fees" when he first arrived in Idaho and should know better. This division between the words college and school is not unique to Idaho, but it is also the reason why many people who believe in gun prohibition on college campuses advise others to not use the word "school."

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Contrasting Idaho statute 18-3302D, which deals with guns at primary and secondary schools, and 18-3302J, the law involving college authority in gun laws, is also very illuminating as well. 18-3302D suggests you should not use the word school to include colleges as well. 18-3302D uses the word “unlawful” while 18-3302J uses the word “regulate.” The most notable is 18-3302D mentions 19-202A, state code for legal jeopardy, self-defense, and defense of others, while 18-3302J doesn't. These details have significant consequences.

Every public Idaho college or university policy is unconstitutional because of 19-202A. No public Idaho college policy makes mention of this law or creates a similar statement. Therefore it is lawful to defend your spouse and kids on a school campus via 18-3302D, but if you were on Boise State University property doing the same, they will charge trespass against you according to their policy. By the way, Boise State University will not tell you what properties they own or rent to make matters worse. Kevin Satterlee, the legal counsel for Boise State University, was asked for this information. He claimed since this was a public information request and not a public document request, he didn't need to provide the information. Technically, he is responsible to provide the information under a public information request as well. I find it dishonest that BSU does not have ledgers with properties listed and copies of their rental agreements.

College of Southern Idaho (CSI) and Idaho State University (ISU) are not quite being honest with arguments involving “local control.” Both institutions are renting high school properties. Both institutions have gun prohibition bans that are so bad, if the local school districts used them, those school districts would violate state law. It is easier to have ISU and CSI rewrite their policies and acknowledge the school district policies in Meridian and Hailey to abide by them for these extended campuses. Under the high school policy because of state law, you could drop off your kid or spouse at a school with a gun in your glove compartment. Our public universities and colleges prevent that for their campuses. This would seem counterintuitive that our colleges are more restrictive than our high schools. Furthermore, you would have an appointed college administrator dictating to an elected local school board what should be their policy. That is not “local control.”

Finally, the word “regulate” creates an unusual problem due to ambiguity. Every public Idaho college policy is “legislative” in nature instead of “contractual” as they are supposed to be. Legislators did notice. Every policy includes words like “visitors” and “guests” to mean the general public and puts restriction on them. This exceeds what is considered a college's normal authority. It also opens up the possibility of lawsuits from the general public as well. What else are they not being honest about?

During this S1254 debate, these colleges and universities brought out the possibility of the sensational mad-man shooter to play upon our feelings. It was interesting to see President Kustra misrepresent the response times on campus. If you ask a Boise police officer, the on scene time in their logs may involve being blocks away from the crime as well; this involves their safety. This means the time taken may even be greater than the time presented and recorded. The reality is sexual assault of women on campus is more likely than a mad-man shooter and these colleges want these women to be defenseless. The arguments that were brought up in Colorado's gun legislation last year would hit almost any woman's hot buttons if they believed in guns on campus or not. Somehow a guy talking about menstruation as a defense is not only laughable, but unseemly.

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At least Idaho's university and college administrators were smart enough to not use these arguments. They only said they felt uncomfortable with guns on campus and didn't address the problem. I really do not feel the BSU administrators really have the best safety interests of the students in mind. It took a month and a local television news crew to get BSU to respond to a disabled woman in a wheelchair about a botched library fire drill in the Fall of 2013. Do I call this bad customer service or malfeasance?

If these colleges and universities believe the U.S. Ninth Circuit is going to help them, I would advise them to examine *Edward Peruta v. San Diego County* that was decided on February 13, 2014. The federal courts will not make a distinction if the landlord is a government entity in protecting the Second Amendment. If both open carry and concealed carry are prohibitive to the point that the right is ineffective, then the regulations or laws are unconstitutional. Furthermore the right to bear arms was emphasized in the *Peruta* case as well. I would advise our colleges to embrace S1254. Someone might start asking why, how, and who allowed our colleges to write and perpetuate policies that violated state law and the state constitution. That is "cause" for corrective action.

## **SAGE DIXON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 1 SEAT B**

SANDPOINT. Sage Dixon has announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for The Idaho House of Representatives, District 1 Seat B.

"I have watched and been involved in North Idaho politics for the past eight years, and am concerned with the direction our State is taking," Dixon said. "The tendency has been towards larger and more intrusive government at the expense of all Idahoans. Idaho needs to head in a different direction."

Claiming to be a Statesman, and not a Politician, Dixon cites long-term incumbents as a liability to good government, saying they often serve lobbyists and Party interests over the interests of their constituents and at the expense of the Constitution.

Issues Dixon is seeking to work towards include: strengthening Idaho's economy through corporate and personal tax reform, reclaiming Idaho lands from the Federal Government, protecting First Amendment rights, and addressing the State Health Insurance Exchange.

Dixon was a finance major in college, was a small business owner, and is currently the superintendent of an electrical contracting firm. In 2011, Dixon was selected by The Bonner County Commissioners to be on the Property Rights Council, where he served as vice-chair, and was a candidate for Bonner County Commissioner in 2012. He and his wife have been married 19 years and have 7 children.

"The past few years have given us an ever increasing Federal Government and regulatory agencies. It is now left to the States to protect the rights of their citizens and to preserve their liberty. Many States are abdicating their authority to this Government in exchange for increased funding. Idaho should have no part in this."

"Though considered one of the most "Red" states, Idaho has not measured up to that billing in recent years. We can do better, and we have that opportunity with this election."

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# LEGAL CONSTITUTIONAL LARCENY

By Evalyn Bennett

## Implement Constitutional Actions to Curb Judicial Activism

Federal judicial activism is threatening the states' rights to define matters that are reserved to the states under the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Over two dozen residents of Lemhi County, Idaho, signed the following letter, which was addressed to Idaho's four representatives as well as Senators Rand Paul, Mike Lee, and Ted Cruz. If you agree with one or more of these three remedies to counter judicial activism, please write or call these representatives and ask them to implement the measures referred to. Contact information for the legislators is provided after the letter. Thank you. Evalyn Bennett

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March 6, 2014

Dear Esteemed Senators and Congressmen:

**Activist judges in the federal court system have repeatedly violated the voice of the people proclaimed through the state legislature, amendment, or referendum process on two issues: abortion and same-sex marriage.** This occurred most recently in Kentucky and Texas, both morally conservative states. Neither of these moral issues is specifically mentioned in the Constitution, most likely because it was inconceivable to the Founding Fathers that women would want to kill their unborn children or adults would violate the commandments of God regarding homosexual conduct. Because the Constitution is silent on these matters, the states and citizens of the states retain a 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to determine their laws regarding these two issues.

While it is undesirable to have to "legislate morality," the reality is that God condemns both abortion and homosexuality in His Word (e.g., Deuteronomy 5:17, Romans 1:26-28, I Timothy 1:8-11, Revelation 21:8). It is therefore not inappropriate for the states to enact human laws that back up Divine law. We are grateful that Idaho has passed laws regulating abortion and establishing a traditional definition of marriage. However, because individual federal judges continue to overturn the states' laws and the will of millions of citizens on these matters, Idaho is at risk of becoming "the next Kentucky or Texas."

**We are writing to urge you to take action in Congress to confront the federal court system's abuse of power and negation of states' and state citizens' rights. We see three courses of action you can take on the states' and citizens' behalf. It would be wise to implement all of them.**

**First, Congress can vote to revoke the federal court's jurisdiction over all cases relating to marriage or abortion.** This is provided for in the U.S. Constitution Article III, Section 2, paragraph 2 and would restore governance of these moral issues to the states' citizens, legislatures, governors, and court systems. Section 2 reads, in part, "In all the other Cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make." This restriction on the federal courts could be made with a simple majority vote.

**Second, Congress can vote to pass a Constitutional amendment establishing term limits for all federal justices, including incumbents,** and effective upon ratification of the amendment by the states. We recommend a six or eight year term, with no provision for renewal, and with a defined proportion of incumbent justices who have exceeded that limit rotated out of office every two years, so vacancies do not occur all at once.

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The Constitution is *extremely* vague on the length of federal judge appointments, stating only, "The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behavior..." (Article III, Section 1). It is not unreasonable for Congress to finally define a limit to federal justices' tenure of office!

**Third, Congress can revoke the existence of the inferior courts**, leaving only the most important cases to be decided by the *collective* body of Supreme Court justices. This can be accomplished by a majority vote, since the Constitution grants authority over the existence of the inferior courts to Congress: "The judicial Power of the United States shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish." It is time for Congress to unordain and unestablish most, if not all, of the inferior courts. **In lieu of eliminating the courts, the Congress could restructure them to ensure that individual justices no longer rule on matters, but rather a *collective* body of district justices.** This would reduce the opportunities justices have to "legislate from the bench" and would return the legislative process to Congress, where it belongs.

A system of lifetime judicial appointments to a proliferation of inferior courts that make rulings on matters outside their authority has resulted in an overreach of power exerted by the judicial branch. **It is time for Congress to take action to restore the balance of power provided for by the Constitution.**

We urge you to work together to propose legislation to implement the above-listed actions.

Sincerely,

Lemhi County Tea Party Patriots and other citizens of Lemhi County, Idaho

cc: Family Research Council, Liberty Counsel, State Senator Steven Thayn, Governor Rick Perry

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# THE TROUBLE WITH CENTRAL PLANNING

By Representative Vito Barbieri



**Rep. Vito Barbieri working for you.**

Today, across the nation and within each state, a battle is being waged over Individual Freedom and Central Planning. Government requires central planners. Planners increasingly justify their acts against personal freedom by citing ‘fairness.’

In America, although the most obvious example is now ObamaCare, nowhere has fairness been used longer than in taxation and spending.

Every Session of the Idaho Legislature is dominated by identifying new sources of taxes and allocating that revenue to the various agencies of the state. The reason is increasingly not the need for more revenue, but fairness.

In this short essay, I want to touch on central planning, the budget, and fairness.

It seems axiomatic that Idaho state budgets must grow year over year by anywhere from 2 to 6 percent. This year the primary culprit was the increase in ‘benefits’ necessary to pay the OtterCare (excuse me: ObamaCare) insurance premiums.

To digress for a moment, the Idaho Legislature, being ‘dominated’ by Republicans, should be focusing on the three principle precepts of the Republican platform: Smaller government, less taxes, and state sovereignty. But seldom do these precepts hold the primacy one would expect. The reason may be obvious after a little contemplation.

As one legislator has said, the Idaho electorate (the voters) may be conservative, but the Idaho legislature is not. Some have said, with some cynicism, that there is a divide between what the legislators do and what they tell the voters. This may be the case in some instances, but in other cases it is more complex than that.

Except in the case of agency budgets, legislation is born of cooperation, relationships, and ideology. And those relationships and that ideology (the basis of which a legislator makes the voting decision “yes” or “no”) is reflected in only one venue of which I know: [accountableidaho.com](http://accountableidaho.com). A little study there shows that within ten places of any given legislator are most of the names of others with whom that legislator regularly speaks.

Turning now back to the budget, we find that no Republican precepts are in play. There is said to be restraint in the increase for this agency or that, and that may well be. But the end result is the same: Ever growing government bureaucracies. This, I need not point out, leads to ever growing government power over individual lives.

The budget is seldom discussed with any detail, by the way, because it is by nature complex enough that to be 100 percent accurate would require detail that staggers the mind and then becomes meaningless.

This is the power held over the taxpayers: the budget is multifaceted in that (1) the revenue sources include income taxes, sales taxes, fees, fines, and federal ‘grants,’ to name few, and, (2)

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so called ‘supplemental’ money that is allocated to a previous budget (purportedly because expenditures were unexpected, or exceeded the expectations, like the cost of a large fire). You may discern how games may be played by the use of supplemental money to avoid accountability.

A quick manual count of the money appropriated by the House for fiscal year 2015 came to more than 6 billion 767 million dollars (that figure will increase by around 500 million after we ‘back fill’ the 2015 budget next session with supplemental allocations). Let’s just say for discussion its 6.7 billion dollars. That is a lot of money being spent on 1.6 million residents.

These funds include Federal grants in the billions, dedicated funds (fees, fines, licensing money collected by various agencies) of nearly a billion, and, of course, Idaho taxpayer funds of about 2.7 billion. Again, a total of 6.7 billion dollars allocated for 2015.

It is interesting, in my mind, that any discussion on budgets now includes the issue of fairness. Having surrendered to the momentum of ever growing government budgets, many Republicans are searching diligently for new sources of revenue. The holy grail of late is the so called ‘streamlined sales tax’ which will assure that Idaho gets a tax on anything purchased by Idahoans over the internet even if the selling company is in a distant state.

This is touted as ‘fair’ because internet companies are able to stay in business without the excessive overhead (i.e. sales tax) that local retail establishments must shoulder.

On the one hand, if one begins with the premise that government already has an excessive amount of taxpayer money, which amount must be shrunk in order to assure that government also shrinks, then concluding that we need a new source of revenue is not necessary.

On the other hand, whether or not government needs new sources of revenue, some believe that it is government’s duty to assure that taxes should be used to create a level playing field for businesses. Therefore, they conclude, an internet tax is necessary.

This example is the most recent attempt at increasing revenue by using the rationale of fairness.

As government intrusion increases with each passing year, Legislators work hard to justify taxing everything from anywhere. Fairness is as good a justification as any.

And that, dear reader is precisely the situation in which we find ourselves: Central planning taxation; Central planning health care; central planning fairness.

Central planning in whatever venue, over time, naturally wipes out individual liberty. How ironic, then, that individual liberty is so easily overcome: by fairness.

## The Common Core Battle Continues



Our lack of progress with securing legislative action this session to get us out of Common Core, or at least out of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC, the testing arm) has been a major disappointment. However, with the chair of both education committees being vocal supporters of *all things Common Core*, the deck was really stacked against us, even with some solid legislators on our side.

With the legislative session now adjourned for the year, we are refocusing our efforts to make this a campaign issue and a renewed statewide awareness effort. **Every candidate must be approached and pressed to commit to a firm position regarding Common Core.**

We'd like to thank [Diego Rodriguez](#) at Power Marketing Consultants for allowing a couple of amateur moms access to his studio, equipment, employees and expertise to help us get this information to you.

**(Pssst... District 15 residents – be sure to check out Diego Rodriguez's website link**

## "Opting Out" Everything you need to know...

### Regarding the SBAC Field Test coming 4/1



**ANOTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!** We have been asked to participate in the following forum in Payette! Please bring your family and friends if you are able, as this will be a great opportunity to hear from both sides of the issue. We are anticipating a "*friendly debate*" with educators from the area

**Payette High School Auditorium**

**Friday, April 4th, 6:30pm**  
(1500 6th Ave S, Payette ID)

—[MAP](#)—

### Pro Common Core

Ed Schumacher – Cambridge Superintendent

Stephanie Rice – Council Teacher

Jason Vlcek – Payette Teacher

### Against Common Core

Bruce Cook – Programs Director, Madison School District

Stephanie Zimmerman – Parent & I4LE Founder

Valerie Candelaria – The 9-12 Project of Idaho (President)

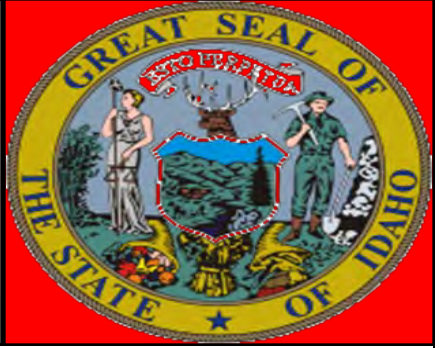
**Webcast 3/19/14 Recorded for playback by those who were unable to attend the LIVE event!**

May we present to your group, or neighbors?

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### **SAVE THE DATES**

**September 26 and 27th., 2014**

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**September 26th, all day Constitution Class with Kriss Anne Hall**

**Dinner with a Guest Speaker (to be announced)**

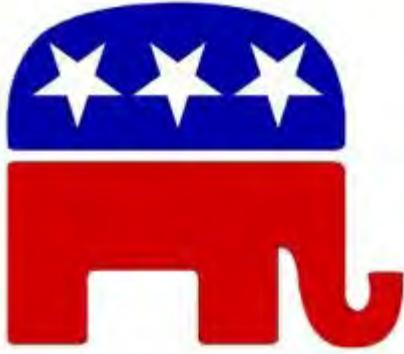
**September 27th Speakers and Buffet Lunch**

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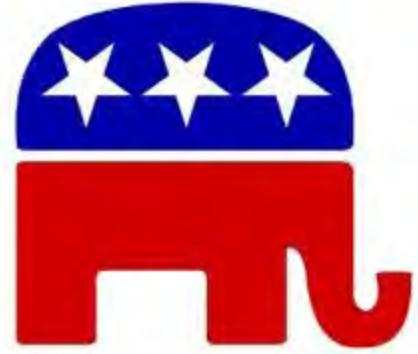
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\*Mitch Toryanski**

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**\*John Eynon  
Sherri Ybarra  
Randy Jensen (maybe)**

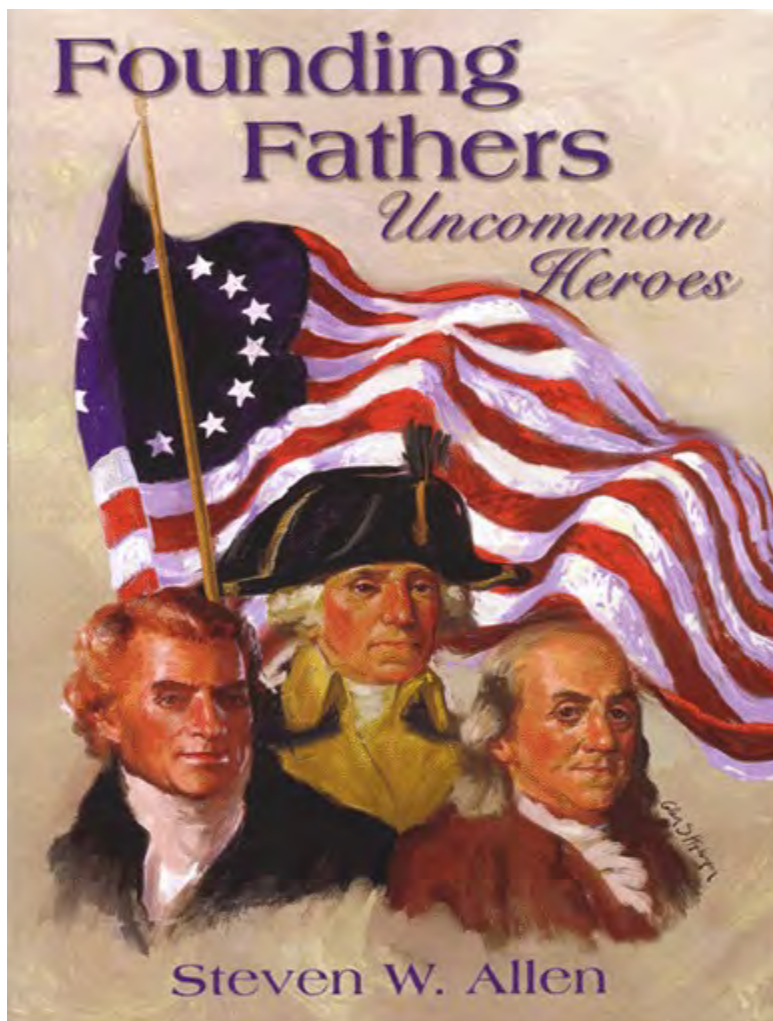
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### **The Northwest Regional Patriot Academy**

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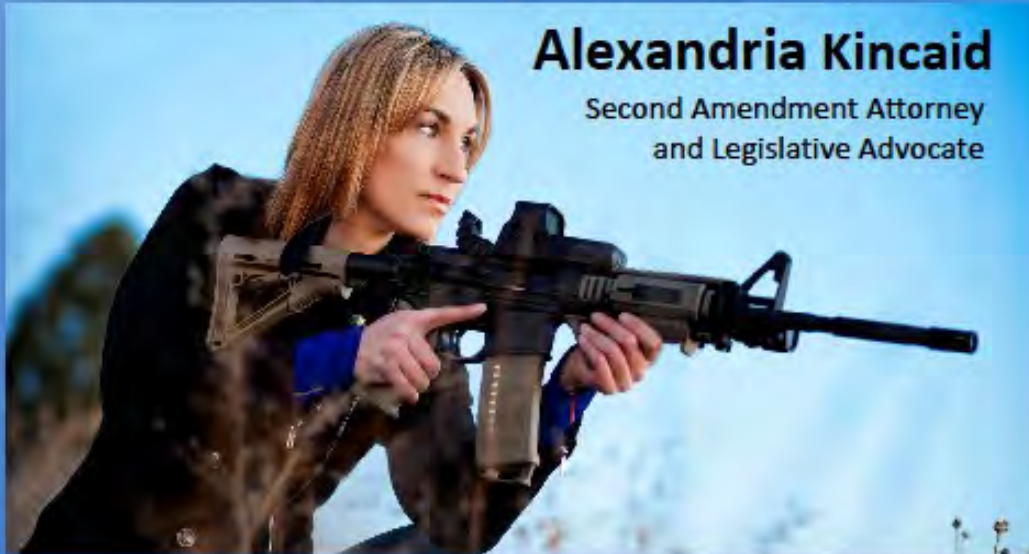
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*Kibbe is a recognized part of the freedom and liberty movement across the country. Ticket sales are open and there is a discount if you purchase them before April 15. Visit [IdahoFreedom.net](http://IdahoFreedom.net) for more information.*

*See you there!*



## SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS APRIL & MAY

**Apr. 1st.** ADA County 1st Battalion Light Foot Militia will meet at 7pm at the American Legion Post 22 W. Broadway, Meridian, ID. CERT training will commence. Training manuals are available to **Download** at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/27403?id=6137>

**Apr. 2nd.** At 6:30 pmt American Legion Hall 120 North Hayes Emmett Idaho. Speaking will be Ernest Walker candidate for Representative Dist 8 along with Russ Fulcher candidate for Governor.

**Apr. 4th.** At 6:30 PM Washington Payette County Tea Party will meet at the Payette High School Auditorium. We are planning to have our local Superintendents take part in a debate on Common Core with questions from the audience.

**Apr. 14th** at 7:00 PM Canyon County Tea Party for further info call Sheila at 208-412-3214 Speaker is Peter Hammond on American Foreign Policy on third world countries.

**Apr. 19th** at 2:30PM on the steps of the Capital we will celebrate Patriots Day with Ben Franklin Betsy Ross and Patrick Henry. Keynote speaker will be Diego Rodriguez.

**May 9th.** At 6:00PM The Idaho Freedom Foundation will hold their 5th. Annual dinner at The Riverside Hotel Boise Idaho 83714. The speaker will be Matt Kibbe president and CEO of Freedom Works

**Sept. 26, 27 2014** The 4th Annual Idaho Liberty Summit, to be held in Coeur d' Alene Idaho at The Coeur d' Alene Inn and Conference Center. September 26 will be an all day Constitution Class. September 27, will be guest speakers and a buffet lunch. For further information please contact Pam Stout at [pamwbst@aol.com](mailto:pamwbst@aol.com) .

### **The Gem State Patriot Begins Video Broadcasting on TVCTV**

Thanks to the generosity of TVCTV Treasure Valley Community Television the Gem State Patriot has embarked on a new venture. We will be producing a weekly TV program which will bring you an opportunity to get caught up on the issues affecting Idahoans. The program will be called "YOUR IDAHO". This program will be live every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. These programs will be available on the following link.

<http://www.tvctvonline.org/schedule/ch-11-live-streaming>

We completed our first pilot video last week on the State Health Care Exchange. You will be able to access this program by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feWFeuFsNuA&feature=youtu.be>

Our many thanks to our friends at Treasure Valley Community Television We would ask if you could show your support for this great organization by going to their web-site and make a tax deductible donation to help keep this alternative media alive. <http://www.tvctvonline.org/>

We would also like to thank Jim Thomas, Brad Marx, Henry Marx and all of the technicians at the TVCTV studio that have made this possible



**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE AND SIGN THE PETITION TO DEFUND THE  
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**Idaho Carry Open & Concealed <http://idahocarry.org>**

**Idaho Freedom Foundation <http://idahofreedom.net>**

**Idahoans for Local Education <http://idahoansforlocaleducation.com/>**

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