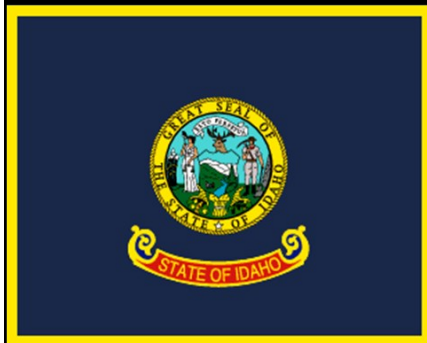




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OBAMACARE HAS ARRIVED

With the vote that took place Oct 16th. in our Senate and House of Representatives, we must all reflect on what we have to look forward to in 2014 and beyond. As you all know, we have been fighting against a State Health Exchange since the concept was introduced. Now you are seeing that many of the problems we brought forward during the legislative session are coming to fruition with the implementation of Obamacare. Health care costs and insurance premiums are continuing to rise, there is less access to healthcare, premiums collected by the State Exchange are going to be higher than promised, Seniors will find it harder to find doctors that will care for them, and your information is being fed into a government run system. Our so called State Health Exchange needs to be defunded or repealed, and only you as voters can make this happen by putting pressure on those legislators who voted for this onerous bill. Let's support those brave leaders who attempted to stop this insidious law and reprimand those that gave in to political pressure in the 2014 election. Please sign our petition to defund the State Exchange by going to www.gemstatepatriot.com/petition2.php

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THIS BILLBOARD SITS ON MAIN STREET IN BURLEY IDAHO
IT WILL REMIND VOTERS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE
THANK YOU IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION
Picture courtesy of Dorothy Moon**



**WE WROTE THIS ARTICLE IN FEBRUARY OF 2013
OUR POLITICIANS DID NOT HEED OUR WORRIES
WE MUST DEFUND OR REPEAL THE STATE HEALTH EXCHANGE**

Governor's Claims	My Reply to Governor's Claims
"It is the best choice for Idaho"	How can federal control over the buying and selling of insurance be the "best choice" for Idaho?
"It keeps the feds at bay"	The state exchange invites the feds into your businesses and your homes thru new federal taxes.
"The higher cost of a federal exchange"	The user fee for a state exchange more than doubled in the last 90 days. It could end up higher than the user fee for the federal exchange? Overall costs of a state exchange are still unknown.
"State implementation of an exchange is consistent with our state's rights stance"	Federal rules over the state exchange violate Idaho Healthcare Freedom Act. 25 other states said no to a state exchange, and they're not worried about state sovereignty.
"It's the law"	The Supreme Court ruled ONLY that the tax mandate is allowed; it did not say HOW that mandate will be enforced. State attorneys generals, lawyers, law professors & public policy institutes agree: The tax mandate is enforceable ONLY thru a state exchange.

Six Problems with a State Exchange

1) STATE EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATES FEDERAL RULES OVER BUYING AND SELLING INSURANCE: Benefits offered; Coverage levels set; and Rating system that determines your premium are all under federal control. *Where is Idaho's control? Where is your control?*

Did you know Idaho health plans sold through the State Exchange must be approved by the Department of Health & Human Services? *What matters in a company is not who sits on the board, it is who controls the products the company makes and sells. Federal control will dictate the buying and selling of insurance on a state exchange.*

Did you know things like the risk adjustments and other mechanisms insurance companies use to figure out your premium are largely controlled by federal rules? *Do you want a seat at the table built by the federal government? Do you think 25 other states said no to a state exchange because they thought they would lose a "seat at the table?"*

2) STATE EXCHANGE WILL INVITE NEW FEDERAL TAXES UPON CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES OF IDAHO: New federal taxes only come with a state exchange. Law professors, public policy groups, the attorney general of Oklahoma and other states know this. Idaho's insurance companies also know but don't care about what it costs you (*p. 12 of governor's task force report*).

Did you know the State of Oklahoma's lawsuit against the federal government is that the federal cannot apply the tax mandate on employers and individuals thru a federal exchange?

Did you know the governor said the only way to obtain tax subsidies was to purchase health plans thru the state exchange? *With tax subsidies and tax credits come tax mandates. Can you afford them?*
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3) STATE EXCHANGE BRINGS UNCERTAIN COSTS: 90 days after the governor's task force report was issued, the user fee for the state exchange more than doubled. The fee's gone from \$3 to \$7 Per Member Per Month. ***What will you end up paying?***

Did you know the scope of the 10 "essential health benefits" the federal government requires are not defined? ***If you don't know the scope of the work, you can't price it.***

Did you know Louisiana and Pennsylvania both said no to a state exchange because they couldn't figure out the costs? ***Why do you think Idaho has a better handle on these costs?***

Did you know the Idaho Farm Bureau came out against a state exchange? ***Idaho's farmers understand rising costs; how about you?***

4) STATE EXCHANGES WILL BECOME TARGETS FOR FEDERAL TAKEOVER: Federal rules require state exchange collect health and financial information on your enrollment activity, your claims activity, your adjusted gross income, your assets, your household size, your previous year's tax status, and "other information" as "***deemed appropriate***" by HHS.

Did you know the state exchange will report its "marketing" and "customer satisfaction" performance to HHS? ***Is Idaho a sovereign state or a Federal Government franchisee?***

Did you know Senator Max Baucus and other senators sought to create a single federal exchange before agreeing to state exchanges that must follow one set of federal rules?

5) STATE EXCHANGE VIOLATES IDAHO LAW: Idaho's Healthcare Freedom Act says "Idaho ... exercises its sovereign power" when it comes to our citizens "choosing ... health care services."

Did you know 14 states passed laws that make implementing the Affordable Care Act illegal? ***Idaho is not alone in this fight. Let's stand united against a bad federal program.***

6) THE JANUARY 2014 DEADLINE IS NOT "SET IN STONE": The Department of Health & Human Services is not ready; the IRS is not ready; and Congress is not ready to act by January 2014.

Did you know many federal rules for a state or federal exchange are still not completed?

Do you remember the Secretary of HHS delayed the deadline for exchanges in November?

Do you believe with fiscal problems facing the federal government, there is money for a federal exchange? ***The law has been around for almost three years, but no money has been allocated for a federal exchange.***

Did you know the only thing due on January 2014 is the tax mandate on businesses and individuals? ***Enforcing the mandate is based on the law, and the law says mandate enforcement only applies to a state exchange. This will cost you real dollars.***

Do you believe 25 other states would say no to a state exchange if they thought it would put their citizens and businesses in jeopardy?

Prepared by Steve Ackerman

A “Marketplace” that Hides Products? Welcome to the State Health Exchange

I have been researching and opining on the State Health Exchange issue for some time now. I have delved into the policy and political aspects of this issue. Most people know the concerns I have with the idea of a State Health Exchange. But, when my good friend Wayne Hoffman of the Idaho Freedom Foundation discussed the problems with calling the State Health Exchange a “marketplace,” I decided to go through the process one would encounter if one was to purchase health insurance on the Exchange. Beyond that, I teach Economics and thus regularly discuss with my class the pros and cons of the free market versus a centrally planned approach, emphasizing the “real world” applications and impacts of their core principles. In other words, what they say versus what actually happens.

I go to the website yourhealthidaho.org and look for health insurance products. To my astonishment, I cannot find one health insurance product listed on the website. I go under the “What You Need to Know” tab, thinking I’ll find a set of products on display. Mind you, I’m not trying to figure out costs; I just want to see what health insurance products are sold through the State Health Exchange. To my amazement, there are no products listed. That’s strange because in a “marketplace” goods are normally on display. I then go the FAQs to see if they are there. I find many questions on who qualifies for what, descriptions of the different types of navigators, and, yes, the federal rules that govern the kinds of health insurance products that can be offered through the State Exchange – but, you guessed it, no products displayed.

When I call the 855-944-3246 telephone number, I speak to a “Consumer Connector.” She proceeds to explain that the only way for me to see what products are offered is to apply. Now, my application is based mainly on financial information. You see, first one cannot find the actual products being “sold,” but then one must divulge financial information in order to complete an application. Only then, I assume, one can see the actual products. Even though the product is health insurance, what matters is your income, assets, and other financial information.

What is interesting about this is the fact that boat, car, life, and many other types of insurances do not require such financial disclosures. What do they care about? Whether you will pay for the product or not? A marketplace is a place for the open exchange of goods and services for other goods and services (or money). The important word here is “open.” The last thing any retailer (or any other kind of seller) wants is to hide or obscure what they sell. And consumers expect to be able to see the products. With cars, you can take a test drive. With foods and drinks, you can taste them. With insurance, you can fit a policy to your needs before completing an application or giving out intrusive information. Only with the State Health Exchange must you divulge personal financial details about you and your family before you can see a product. For with the “state” health exchange, one must go to the federal Health & Human Services website to apply. Even when you go to that website, however, there is no listing of the insurance products. The only way to “see behind the curtain” is to apply first.

When you go to healthcare.gov, you have a listing of plans, but not for Idaho. Even though Idaho makes people enroll through healthcare.gov and even though Idaho’s health insurance plans must meet federal rules to be “legal,” one cannot find those health insurance products listed on the federal government website. Calling and speaking to the HHS contractor (General Dynamics) is no help either. Again, if you don’t apply, then you cannot see the products.

What is almost funny is that the only industries I can think of that hide their products are drug dealing, arms smuggling, gambling, and prostitution. Those are the only kinds of “markets” where you must “sign up” prior to being allowed to see the product or service. We can now add to those infamous “markets” the State Health Exchange. As I’m sure my friend Wayne would agree, it is “Orwellian” to call this thing a “marketplace.”

Thank you. Steve Ackerman

OUR THANKS TO GOVERNOR OTTER AND THE STATE LEGISLATORS WHO VOTED FOR THE STATE EXCHANGE “PLEASE STOP HELPING US”

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Four Years and Counting

It has been a difficult four years for those of us who still believe in well-defined and constitutionally limited government. You'd think by now with all the stones thrown at the tea party that we'd just crawl under a rock and go away. That's what the media and the big government type hopes for, but I'm assured they haven't done the math. There are more of us than there are of them. Four years into the battle of ideals and we are now hardened warriors, not the naïve news junkies of past or the sit around coffee houses and complain types.

We've been called "tea baggers", bigots, racists and homophobes by all sorts of political apparatchik but the smear campaign doesn't stick because the truth is apparent for all to see. And so the truth must be told and the white light of reason shone on the fear mongering incendiaries who cling to their big government ideology and their green bibles.

It may seem that we are losing every battle, that the confines of government continue to press further, but the truth once again is that government is losing badly. The recent roll out of the ObamaCare website is only a minor example of government failure. Look under the hood and you will see that America is broke with nowhere to hide the burdensome debt now at \$17 trillion, young people are unemployed and most people now are under employed. The number of actual unemployed is over 21 million. We live in a society where almost 48 million people are on food stamps and 1 in 5 go hungry and where electronic gadgetry has replaced mom or dad in millions of broken homes. Do you think it is free enterprise tapping the life from all these souls?

Now that everyone is talking about insurance coverage within our state health exchange, why haven't we had the conversation about rising medical costs? Could it be that we've been herded once again into a pen by fear mongers? Instead of breaking free our chains of government security and letting the entrepreneurial expertise of the free market lower medical bills as it naturally would, the drum beats for more government involvement sound. Put your trust in government and see the result. Failure after failure.

The great Ponzi scheme is about up though. The youth of America will soon realize that without their diligent effort working a life time at menial jobs will this old and infirm establishment survive. In fact when they realize they've got to pay for the excess the progressive regimes have created, heads will roll. Occupy Wall Street will look like a Sunday picnic in MacArthur park. When those \$100,000 student loans can't be paid back because the promise of good jobs is discovered to be just another con job by those firmly ensconced in lucrative ivory towers many will hang from lamp posts.

The world of progressivism is dying and the world of free men is dawning. No amount of media hype or political rhetoric can hide that fact. It is sad that the lean forward progressive movement steered by our many leaders over such a long time will cause such havoc, but then again, can you think of any collectivist society that hasn't eaten their own. The simple truth is for all to see and understand, but ignorance has trumped reality in these days of all about me. Just as gravity affects all mass, this bubble of inflated egos and over paid nitwits will burst. This is why we at the Custer County Tea Party have been at it for four years. Only by those who understand the principle of free men will our nation be free again. The task is immense so onward, onward, steadily onward soldiers, we've got a long way to go and many ignorant souls to turn.

In Liberty,

Darr Moon

Custer County Tea Party, Born October 27, 2009

A CLOSE LOOK AT THE IDAHO LAND BOARD

By Todd Hatfield



Todd Hatfield is running for State Controller in the 2014 Republican primary election. He is a Constitutional Conservative committed to promoting the proper role of government and the principles to achieve sound governance. Todd is dedicated to securing prosperity for all Idahoans. He has over thirty years of experience as a small businessman and holds a degree in accounting. During the last legislative session, he successfully overturned a Land Board Rule Change which would have negatively impacted small businesses within the logging industry and ultimately school funding.

Over the past 14 years, Idaho's Land Board has accelerated the unraveling of a sound foundation by acquiescing to social changes and straying from the original intent of constitutional principles. Today's vision, based on diversified investment portfolios instead of the founding principles of capitalism and free markets, is quite different philosophically and politically. Operating on the idea of no limits is unconstitutional because government should not compete with private industry. The foundation of this country is to protect private property and we must not allow social ideology to steer the rule making and legislative process. This paper will help clarify and examine events differentiating how the State of Idaho has arrived at buying private businesses today, compared to the intention the founders envisioned for the Endowments. What is happening today will be critical to the future of every Idahoan.

History

Idaho achieved statehood and was admitted into the Union in 1890. What transpired before this date led to the creation of Endowment Lands. The Timber and Stone Act of 1878 allowed a person to purchase up to 160 acres of land at \$2.50 an acre, provided the land was used for personal use. One hundred and sixty acres, a $\frac{1}{4}$ section, was the amount of land determined to sustain a family. This Federal program was to benefit the common person and to encourage settlers to populate the west. These near give-away programs soon became fraudulent with industrialist timber barons scheming to acquire vast amounts of property and natural resources. The solution to this problem, on the federal level, was to create "Forest Reserves" which kept land management under the federal government, now known as the Forest Service. Gifford Pinchot, the founder of the forest reserves said they are needed, "rather to help the small man making a living than to help the big man make a profit". I mention this statement because it establishes a *free market economy*; the corporation and the small man are on an *equal footing for opportunity*.

Idaho's founders debated the same arguments in 1889 that we are debating today. That is, how should the lands be treated and the money invested. Delegates at that convention suggested selling the Endowment Lands and investing in Real Estate. This idea never made it out of committee.

Idaho Endowments were intelligently crafted in such a way that land was given to the State beneficiary's to generate revenue by means of sale, rent and raw materials, but **control of production was not given** to the state, thus assuring once again the principles of free markets. Additionally, the founders of Idaho valued education, natural resources and secure investments. They utilized timber and grazing receipts for deposit into the endowment fund. This is an economy of substance, where something is produced, and jobs are created. What a wise practice in posterity we should embrace.

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“We already compete with private business selling timber”...?

This statement has been stated by Land Board members, Dept of Land employees and some current legislators. At face value this appears to be true, but upon closer review turns out to be false. Trees do not have any monetary value until they are cut.

Today, the free market dictates the price of timber based on supply and demand. **The price of timber is set by privately owned sawmills** and they decide how much volume and from whom they will purchase. The trees or “raw material”, from private ground, State ground or Federal ground, share the same value at the saw mill (the state has no influence). The appraised value of the timber on the stump (before harvesting) is determined by subtracting the costs for the type of logging (i.e. skidding, helicopter, line etc.) and the proximity to the saw mill for hauling the fallen timber. Forest management practices will differ between State and private land holders based on a variety of factors such as, regional growth rates, aggressive harvesting and differing regulations. These are the basic factors the State uses to appraise the timber. Clearly, **the State is not competing with other sellers**. How do the Endowments get the maximum return? Mills and logging companies compete for the state’s open bidding process on timber which encourages bidders and results in a higher “stump value” for the timber. The cost of harvesting is determined by the individual logging company. The company takes into consideration the type and amount of equipment owned, the wages paid and the overhead and profit expected. For instance, if the State appraises the trucking costs at \$200 per load and one company can truck for a cost of \$195 per load, that company can bid \$5 dollars higher (\$205). This generates a higher return for the Endowments and does not create a “negative effect” on private timber prices. This has worked for over 100 years, providing opportunity to any individual or company the right to work, produce and contribute to Idaho and its Endowments. Today, the Department of Lands is pushing to change the bidding process, by marketing the timber themselves and partnering with preferred logging companies (a free market destroyed and ending over a century of sound management).

When the State enters into the Commercial Businesses arena, this presents an unequal footing. Let’s say that a saw mill is a lucrative business and the State decides to buy one. They will now own raw material and control the means of production. The State will compete against other saw mills and enjoy the tax exempt status; a clear and substantial advantage. Additionally, the state will have unlimited cash to operate on from the taxpayer. The State will then buy private timber, forcing a lower price, thus controlling the local timber industry. A foregone result will be lower earnings for private enterprises and reduced wages to employees. Eventually, that private mill, now a competitor of the state, may be forced to close; mill workers lose their jobs and livelihoods, and the local community will be impacted. In the final analysis, there could very well be quite a few unintended consequences. Since the majority of school funding is provided through sales tax, and the majority of the endowment is for schools, it is of utmost importance that the state stays out of the private sector.

I have used the hypothetical mill scenario for why the State should not go into business, period. You may insert any business (i.e. agricultural entities, brew pub, storage units, commercial buildings, a restaurant, apartments...) and have the same result; a reduced tax base (sales tax/tax payer) equals reduced tax revenue for schools and local governments along with higher unemployment.

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If the State is going to detract from private property because it is lucrative and convenient, they have departed from the true meaning and protection the people were duly granted. If the Land Board is to operate businesses, providing beneficiaries funding and tax breaks enjoyed by the state, the state will inflict harm and do irreparable damage to the private sector. Remember, endowments are not the only source of funding for schools; much more money is generated through sales tax, from a healthy and productive free market economy.

I whole heartedly agree with making the maximum amount for the Endowments. This has, and can be done, as long as government is not allowed to infringe on the inalienable rights of man. If the Land Board' modern day investment practices are to continue, they should request a constitutional amendment to remove the words "*The stability of a republican form of government...*", this would be the truthful representation of our current state government.

REPLY TO AN ARTICLE OCTOBER 14, 2013 ON MAGIC VALLEY .COM

By Darr Moon

The title of this article was "Our View: Simpson Must Lead Not Follow" You can read the whole story by clicking on this link.

http://magicvalley.com/news/opinion/editorial/our-view-simpson-must-lead-not-follow/article_6010c11a-3481-11e3-a01b-0019bb2963f4.html

The editors of "Our View", the Mini-Cassia areas only hate group on record, show their stripes once again with a hateful smear job of those in the tea party. They are playing partisan politics with their back handed defense of Representative Simpson against his primary challenger, Bryan Smith, a tea party candidate they say from the "fringe" element. The hate speech used in their recent editorial would in other forums have led to calls for an investigation by the NAACP or the ACLU. The editor's words only fulfill the objective of further polarizing a divided nation, great for newspaper sales but sad for the profession of journalism. Their giddiness is on display as they report their bias over the fiscal deficit and the Affordable Health Care Act. Nowhere in their analysis is any alarm for the spending spree Washington has embarked upon over the last decade or the social engineering experiment that will affect every American's health care in ways immeasurable. No, the editors of this paper are playing the piper's tune sent down from their comrades in journalism school. The "fire and brimstone, race-baiting ideologues" in the tea party are mucking up a peaceful transformation of this country's socialized future and they're not happy about it.

Say it isn't so. The "fringe" element considers the rejection of this government's promise of never ending debt and further encroachment of big government to be the workings of "undemocratic methods engineered by a political fringe". It is sad that our country has fallen to the notion that money grows on trees and that journalist at the Times News beat the partisan drum. It's funny that these editors can with an air of superiority use stereotypical bigotry as a defense for their ignorance of what the tea party is. Why don't you come to the next Mini-Cassia tea party meeting and see if you can pick out the "race baiting ideologues" among us.

Darr

THE LAND BOARD GOOD NEWS - BAD NEWS

\$200,000,000 DOLLAR COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT COMING TO IDAHO. The Idaho Dept. of Lands and the Idaho Land Board plan to exchange or sell “at least two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) worth of endowment –owned residential cottage site lots at Priest Lake and Payette Lake and acquire other land assets.” IDL Newsletter July 2, 2013

According to the Land Board’s Asset Management Plan and the Hartland LLC plan, those “other assets “ will be commercial business properties including but are not limited to, office, retail and light industrial business designations, public facilities, energy resources, ski resorts, mobile home parks, storage units, brewpubs, hotels, etc. This means 200 million dollars worth of commercial properties will be removed from the property tax rolls that are needed to support local governments such as cities, counties, and school districts.

In the Land Board’s Mid-term Vision and Strategy Plan of Oct. 19, 2010, the Board plans to “grow commercial income producing assets and focus on developing and acquiring more commercial properties.”

A current example of this is the Land Board’s attempt to exchange eleven (11) Payette Lake School endowment lots for a commercial building at 16034 Equine Dr. in Nampa, ID., reducing Canyon Counties property tax by more than \$34,000. Just imagine what the Land Board’s investment of \$200,000,000 will do as they buy more commercial business property and remove it from local units of government’s income.

Governor Otter, Attorney Gen. Wasden, Sec. of State Ysursa, Supt. of Public Instruction Luna and Controller Woolf, all members of the Land Board, approved this scheme. Also, they are all up for election in 2014.
That’s the good news.

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Thoughts on Common Core

By Senator Steven Thayne

Dear Fellow Legislators and other interested parties:

I am convinced that Idaho has some of the best educators in the nation. For the most part, they work hard and are very concerned about their students. I believe working together; Idaho can continue to improve the educational experience for our youth.

Common Core is the most important education issue to come before the legislature for many years. Since, I have been active in education issues; I believe that I should share my thoughts with you on this issue.

To begin, there are three different perspectives of what Common Core is. Tom Luna's view and the view of many educators is that Common Core is a voluntary set of benign standards that are superior to the standards currently in place.

The second view of Common Core is that they are a step toward nationalization of the curriculum with the accompanying loss of local control. This view believes that Common Core standards are inferior standards, the testing process will lead to manipulation and control of the population and students will not be ready for college.

The third view of Common Core is what Common Core actually becomes which will be determined by the actions that we take as legislators in the next session. What Common Core becomes will probably fall somewhere between these two extremes.

In my discussion with interested parties, I have learned that there are six major areas of concern which both camps seem to agree on which are:

1. Parental, local, and state control over the education system is superior to federal control of education and the curriculum.
2. Protecting the individual student data from third party access such as the federal government, private corporations, and researchers is necessary. The reason is simple. Data can be used to manipulate, intimidate, or give or deny access to education and other services.
3. The nature of the standards is critical. Are the standards quality standards? Are they sequential?
4. The nature of the test. Does the test give more weight to process or to the correct answer? If the test gives more weight to the process, then this discriminates against students that were not trained in a specific system and would discriminate against home schooled students and public school students that don't think in the prescribed manner. Subjective answers give power to the graders of the test to favor one thought pattern over another. Finally, subjectively grading tests is more expensive.
5. Cost. What is the cost of the Common Core system? Where is the money coming from? To my knowledge, a cost analysis has not been done.
6. The content of the curriculum. This refers to what is taught to students that parents may disagree with, for example: American history, when sex education is taught, the role of global warming, exposure to homosexuality, and other controversial issues. Whose view of the world should be taught? Those of the parents or those of social elites? Common Core currently does not deal with many of these issues; however, they are still an ongoing concern.

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Thoughts on Common Core

By Senator Steven Thayne

Perspective - One camp opposed to Common Core believes that Common Core should be repealed. I like to point out to them that if Common Core is repealed that all six problems still exist. There is still a threat of the nationalization of public education, data mining by the federal government will still be a problem, discussions on standards will still take place, testing is still an issue, cost is still an issue, and what is taught in school is **still an issue.**

I believe there are issues that need to be addressed in all six areas. I have suggested several possible solutions. Some require legislation while others do not. Let's take each area one at a time and go over potential fixes.

- 1. Nationalization of the curriculum.** Few want the federal government to control curriculum. While this is not a threat this year or next, there is a real concern in the next 5, 10, or 20 years unless active steps are taken to protect Idaho from this threat – real or imagined.

A solution would be to strengthen the power of parents in choosing the curriculum. It is contrary to federal law for the federal government to control the curriculum. Placing parents in a stronger position would be a good first step in this process. I have written a bill that allows parents to choose any curriculum for math in elementary school or any curriculum for government class. This means that the curriculum does not have to be approved by the feds, by the state, or by the local school board. The bill states that if 10 or fewer students desire the same alternative curriculum, the school district does not have to provide the instructor but must facilitate parents teaching the curriculum within the school. If 11 or more students desire an alternative curriculum, the school must provide the instruction. It could be a class within a class. The cost of the curriculum would be paid for by the parents and the students would need to take the same final test as the students that take the approved curriculum. Finally, strengthening the role of parents in choosing the curriculum creates a culture of parental control and involvement that would protect Idaho from many future federal actions.

- 2. Data mining.** A bill needs to be written to address some of these concerns. I have not written such a bill; however, Senator Goedde indicated he was working on such a bill.

- 3. The nature of the standards.** This will be an ongoing discussion. I have some concerns with the Common Core math standards. In the first grade math standards, it says the first graders should be able to reason abstractly. This concerns me at several levels. First of all, most first graders do not reason abstractly. They reason concretely. In Ray's New Arithmetics, which was used over 130 years ago, great care is given to explain to the teacher when a child can reason abstractly and when a child cannot. One of the biggest clues concerns numbers. Rays Arithmetic always uses numbers with objects -- one apple, two birds etc. It never uses numbers by themselves because numbers are abstractions, until the child starts using numbers abstractly. For example, when talking about an object, instead of saying 2 birds, the child simply says 2. I am greatly concerned that educators have not raised this concern. My concern about the education establishment is that educators tend to follow the crowd rather than raise concerns that are not accepted by administrators or education experts. They tend to yield to peer-pressure rather than raise concerns. I do not know if this is because they are afraid of losing their job or they lack confidence in their own ideas or if they have been conditioned to go along.

A. I believe that Common Core Standards need to be compared with standards from high performing nations and states such as Massachusetts Language Art standards of several years ago or previous year's California math standards. Common Core standards will be in place for a couple of years even if we decide to change them; never-the-less, an ongoing discussion is needed to decide if Common Core standards are the standards we actually want to keep. The legislature has not debated this issue and it needs to be debated.

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- B. Math path – One of the concerns of those opposed to Common Core is that Common Core math standards do not support STEM careers; namely, Common Core only supports Algebra through high school. In order to correct this concern, I would suggest publishing a Math Path or the math classes that need to be taken by students beginning in the 7th grade in order to take calculus their senior year of high school. This is a simple solution.
- C. Allowing the parents to choose the curriculum for math in elementary school would also address this problem.

4. **Nature of the Test.** I am so concerned about this issue that I would recommend delaying the beginning of the Smarter Balance test for a year to ascertain if this is the test that we want. Another option would be for legislators and concerned parents to take the test to see, for themselves, if they approve of the test or not. Maybe we should keep in place the ISAT for another year. At the very least, correct answers on a test must count more than the process. I would suggest that any test that gives a wrong score for the correct answer (because the process is lacking) while giving credit for the wrong answer if the process is correct should be prohibited within the state of Idaho.
5. **Cost.** Superintendent Luna and other Common Core supporters need to tell the legislature what are the costs. This is simply a prudent question and area of discussion.
6. **The nature of the curriculum.** Allowing the parents to begin to choose the curriculum in math in elementary school and government class is a good first step. In the future, if this concerns continues, parents may need to be able to choose the curriculum in other areas as well such as literature, science etc.

These thoughts are a summary of some of the major issues that I see with both Common Core and education in general. My hope is that they may be helpful in framing the discussion and addressing some very important issues.

I spoke with Tom Luna about the issues raised in the paper. He agrees with most of the concerns and is supportive of many of the proposals. He pointed out that:

- Common Core is, in his opinion, the floor and not the ceiling.
- The ISAT test only tested through algebra; yet, students still took calculus.
- The Smarter Balance assessment has a three year roll out. Last year it was tested in 120 schools, this year students in all schools will take it, and next year will be the first year of full implementation. He indicated that the questions will be available to review.
- Superintendent Luna would see if parents and legislators could take the test after the students took the test.
- One last concern was the sexually explicit nature of some of the recommended literature. I requested that he contact the Smarter Balance test creators to see if passages from these books could be barred from tests in Idaho. If they can, then we have some control over the nature of the test. If they cannot be barred, then the test is of real concern.

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR OTTER PLEASE STOP TRYING TO HELP US!

Dear Governor Otter:

We constitutional conservatives would like to thank and commend you for your 41 years of service to our Great State of Idaho. You have served the people and now need a well deserved rest and should therefore give some deep thought about retiring rather than running for another term. We are concerned that you have been turning to the left for the past 6 years and we would appreciate if you would stop trying to help us anymore..

Since 2007 when you took office, according to "On Numbers" June 27, 2013 edition you have had zero growth in jobs for Idaho in the private sector going from 533,300 to our current level of 519,500 which equals an annual rate of growth of **-0.41%**. This would not be considered a stellar record. According to the Census ACS survey, real median family income for Idaho has gone from \$60,178 in 2007 to \$54,483 in 2012. Idaho's 50.9 billion GDP last year ranked the state 45th. According to Idaho Dept. of Labor spokesman Bob Fick, there have been only 4 other times in the last 50 years that Idaho has had a lower rank. (State Impact June 6, 2013). In 2007 Idaho's poverty level was 12.1% by 2011 it had grown to 16.5%. (U.S. Census Bureau). The Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare reported that the amount of families using food stamps has had a dramatic increase since 2007 when 6.2% or 89,946 Idahoans were on food stamps, to 2011 when 13.5% or 214,000 were on food stamps. As of October 16, 2013 we have exceeded 220,000. Can you tell us why people in your administration keep broadcasting how low the wages are in Idaho. I'm sorry Mr. Governor, but I just don't see where you have been helping Idaho's economy for the past 7 years.

In 2010 you signed a bill called The Idaho Health Freedom Act preventing the Governor or the Legislature from creating a state based health insurance exchange. So what happened in 2012, just two years after you were elected for a second term, you did a 180 degree turnaround on the people of Idaho to push the legislature to implement a State Health Care Exchange. Sounds like the original bait and switch to us. You said that the Exchange would be beneficial to Idaho citizens, but all we have felt is frustration and pain as healthcare costs continue to rise dramatically, insurance premiums are doubling for many families, deductible costs are rising and services rendered are shrinking. You said the State would control the exchange, and yet we have an exchange that is run by the Fed's and has an Idaho sticker on it. All the information being entered into the so called state exchange is going straight to the federal government computers, including our personal, financial, and medical information. You sold the people of Idaho a bill of goods and that is not what the old Butch Otter would have done. The implementation of a State Health Exchange should have been decided by the people on a voting ballot not by a bunch of legislators who were being plied with campaign contributions by medical and insurance interests. In fact why not put it on the ballot in 2014 and find out what the people really want to do?

This year the Land Board has made several interesting swaps including the Payette Lakes property for a commercial building in Idaho Falls. The appraisals never really penciled out, but the trade was done anyway. The Land Board continues to sell off endowment property is committed to grow their commercial property portfolio at the expense of our private business, our education system and the detrimental effect on county taxes. Why does the State need to own these commercial properties whose values are left to the whim of the rental and real estate markets? What is wrong with owning the endowment lands we were given where we will have renewable resources which have been a stable source of income for decades? Who really benefits from these land swaps? How many of the Land Board members have a background in real estate? You are just playing with our children's future education money and siphoning off property taxes from our counties and income taxes from our state. Government has no place competing with businesses in our State since they always have a competitive tax advantage. It's time to get out of the commercial real estate business and get back the basics. Properties that need to be sold should be put up for auction to find the best price for our land.

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You with the help of Superintendent Luna, instituted propositions 1, 2 and 3 without taking the time to consult with the teachers prior to implementation. What happened there? All three propositions were overturned. Why were they overturned, because once again you were trying to do what you thought was best for Idaho without the consent of the people that elected you. It must be some kind of disease that affects all politicians when there in office too long. It's called "The I'm smarter than the people syndrome." You will find out in 2014 that you can't push around the public that put you in office. A good politician listens to his or her constituents and doesn't tell them what is best for them. We know what's best for us and that is less government interference in our lives.

In 2010 Common Core was accepted by the Idaho School system thanks to Mr. Luna and yourself. Mr. Luna says they held 22 meetings to inform the public about common core. Problem is we have 44 counties in our state so I assure you Mr. Luna did not get to all of those concerned about common core in the state, and we have yet to find out at what cost it will be to our state and our children's education. You and superintendent Luna brought in an untested method of teaching our children. Did anyone bother to educate the parents about common core since they are the ones paying for their child's education with their taxes? The real answer is no you didn't. All you did was to hold a bunch of meaningless meetings and told the parents zero about what common core and how it would affect our education system. Once again you brought more government interference into our lives that we really didn't need. Why couldn't you let Idahoans fix Idaho's schools? Did you really think the Federal government could do a better job? Didn't you have enough faith in the people that elected Mr. Luna and yourself to improve our school system. You keep saying that the parents should be involved in decisions on their children's education yet you bring in an untested system and impose it on them without them having any real say. Superintendent Luna keeps telling us that this is Idaho's version of common core and the fed's have no say. Well that's what you told us about the State Health Care Exchange and what do we have? We have a federal exchange with an Idaho label on it and are stuck with all of the tax penalties and subsidies that go along with it. Have you ever heard the phrase "We're from the Government and we're here to help you?" PLEASE! PLEASE! stop trying to help us.

We are all wondering what you have in store for us in this next legislative session. Perhaps you will try again to raise the taxes on our gasoline or raise our car registration fees. Or maybe you will just slap a sales tax on gasoline to drive our economy further into the ground. Here's an idea, cut out the 830 million in investment tax credits and sales tax exemptions. Take that money and flatten the income tax for everyone than maybe you might find enough left over to cover some of the highway rebuilding costs. How about giving the same treatment to small businesses as you do to big business? Level the playing field with a flat tax and dump a bunch of useless regulations that do nothing to improve anything. That's what the old Butch Otter would have done. Where is the old Butch anyway?

We have to say you have quite a list of accomplishments for your seven years as Governor. This is why we think it is in the best interest of the people of Idaho if you just ride off into the sunset and rope steers in your retirement. It's time to give someone else a chance to straighten out our state and help bring state sovereignty, economic growth and good paying jobs back to Idaho. We love you Butch but it's time to hang up your political spurs and give someone else a chance.

We get the government we tolerate.

Tea Party Bob

IMPROVING IDAHO'S "STAND YOUR GROUND LAWS"

WHY GUNS AND AMMO MISSED THE MARK

by Alexandria Kincaid www.3Glaw.com

Editors Note: The material contained in the next three pages represents a compilation of three bills which all have sponsors and will be presented before the Idaho legislature in the next session. At the request of the sponsors we could not provide the actual text.

Guns and Ammo recently ranked "the best states for gun owners 2013", which yielded some surprising results. Idaho gun enthusiasts were surprised to see gun friendly Idaho coming in at number 32. Our other Northwestern states came in at 40 for Washington (not too surprising, and downgraded in the NFA, concealed carry, and miscellaneous categories) and Oregon at 28 (downgraded in the carry, castle doctrine, and miscellaneous categories). Interestingly, Oregon is also number 26 in the country for gun ownership, with over 40% of residents owning guns (better than the national average). Topping the chart of the best states for gun owners were Arizona, Vermont, Alaska, Utah, and Kentucky.

According to the site, States were measured on the following criteria:

“CCW/Open Carry: Only states that don’t require a permit for concealed or open carry scored a perfect 10 in this category.

MSRs: States with no restrictions on the kind, type or number of Modern Sporting Rifles (ARs, AKs, etc.) that can be owned or purchased scored a 10 in this category.

Class 3/NFA: The majority of states allow their citizens to own Class 3/NFA-type firearms (machine guns, suppressors, short-barreled rifles, etc.), provided they follow the federal licensing standard, but not every state is yea or nay.

Castle Doctrine/Stand Your Ground: States’ scores were determined based on how strong the law is regarding self-defense in and out of the home, and whether in the right you’re immune from civil prosecution.

Miscellaneous: How pro-gun the state culture is has a lot to do with scoring in this category. Scores are based on the percentage of gun owners in the state, if there are any restrictions on gun or ammunition purchases or magazine capacity, pending pro- or anti-gun legislation, CCW reciprocity, and any restrictions on guns that not covered in the other categories.”

Idaho scored pretty well in all categories except the self-defense category: an 8 for CCW/ Open Carry, a 10 for MSRs, a 10 for Class 3/NFA, a 10 for Miscellaneous, but only a 2 in the Castle Doctrine/Stand Your Ground category. In comparison, Washington received a “10” and Oregon an “8” in the castle doctrine category.

Why only a “2” for Idaho in the area of self defense? Guns & Ammo termed Idaho’s self-defense laws “vague”. The laws in Idaho are not vague. They simply aren’t all codified in statute, making them perhaps a little more elusive to researchers. In addition, it appears Guns & Ammo may have relied on the wording of other state’s statutes (such as Oregon) without reading the interpretations of those statutes when they have been challenged in court. More on this below.

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Idaho has both a castle doctrine and a stand your ground law by way of a statute and interpretive case law, which together allow citizens to use deadly force to defend their lives, if they can prove that they reasonably believed their lives were in imminent danger.

The ability to use deadly force extends beyond a person's home to any location where the event might occur.

To discuss this law, I am going to turn to our model jury instructions. The Idaho Supreme Court has taken the initiative to clarify and simplify the law of self-defense by approving jury instructions written by members of the Criminal Jury Instruction Committee. These committee members have carefully researched Idaho's self-defense statutes and case law. I frequently teach the jury instructions to clients and groups, because they are excellent summaries of our law and exactly what will be read to a jury of your peers if you ever suffer a trial for firing a gun in self-defense. The jury instructions can be found at <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/problem-solving/criminal-jury-instructions>. Two main jury instructions pertaining to self-defense are ICJI 1517 and 1519.

As a preliminary matter, there is a difference between a "castle doctrine" and a "stand your ground" law. Castle Doctrine refers to the ability of a home owner to use deadly force to defend himself, herself or other people inside the home. Think "my home is my castle", and you get the point. Some states expand the castle doctrine to other locations, such as a vehicle or place of work. In contrast, stand your ground laws refer to the laws that allow you to use deadly force in self-defense in any location you are legally allowed to be rather than turn and run.

Idaho's Castle Doctrine is found in Idaho Code section 18-4009(2), which justifies the use of deadly force in defense of "habitation, property or person, against one who manifestly intends or endeavors, by violence or surprise, to commit a felony, or against one who manifestly intends and endeavors, in a violent, riotous or tumultuous manner, to enter the habitation of another for the purpose of offering violence to any person therein..."

Idaho's stand your ground law is found in old case law. While it may be nice to have a statute, it is not required – the stand your ground law exists, is not vague, and has been upheld since 1909. The jury instruction is clearer than any statute or the case law. ICJR 1519 states that "In the exercise of the right of self-defense (or defense of another), one need not retreat. One may stand one's ground and defend oneself by the use of all force and means which would appear to be necessary to a reasonable person in a similar situation and with similar knowledge. In addition, Idaho's stand your ground law allows pursuit of the attacker until there is no danger, if pursuit is reasonably necessary. The stand your ground law applies even though the person being attacked might more easily have gained safety by flight or by withdrawing from the scene."

When I hear Second Amendment advocates and politicians discussing the need for a stand your ground law in Idaho to be codified, rather than relying on case law, my thoughts turn to what could be drafted that would expand the good law we already have. Let's not just focus on creating a statute because a survey termed our law "vague" – let's focus on what citizens really want and need and what hasn't been said yet.

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So let's examine a better state's law to see where Idaho is failing. Florida has a dynamite home-defense law in comparison. Why? Because rather than make the shooter prove that they acted reasonably in self-defense, Florida's statute presumes that a person acted reasonably when the shooter (victim) uses deadly force against someone (criminal) who is unlawfully and forcefully entering the victim's home or car. In other words, if you shoot an intruder breaking into your house, you are PRESUMED to have acted lawfully in shooting that person. Wow. What a concept.....let's trust the law abider to have made the right decision in a split second when discovering that another, unauthorized person is in their house rather than making that victim prove that they acted reasonably under fear for their own life.

I want to briefly address why I think Guns & Ammo missed the mark in their survey. As mentioned above, Oregon received an "8" for the self-defense category. If you only read the Oregon statute, it seems great – it appears to allow a citizen to shoot an intruder if that intruder is breaking into your home. But I also practice law in Oregon, which is where I was also a District Attorney. Oregon's statute, when read in light of interpretive case law, is no better than Idaho's, because the courts have determined that deadly force may only be used to counter a home burglary if the use of force is absolutely necessary, and if the felony involves an imminent threat of great bodily injury. So even though Oregon appears to have a great self-defense law on the books, the Oregon courts have nullified its benefits, and at the end of the day, it is hardly distinguishable from Idaho's castle doctrine. So, while Guns & Ammo graded Idaho unnecessarily low, we can use this opportunity to address our laws and turn the negative into a positive.

In sum, Idaho has both a castle doctrine and a stand your ground law, because a person may use deadly force in their own home provided they meet the criteria contained in the statute and need not retreat. Is there room for improvement? You bet there is. But Idaho lawmakers need to go beyond codifying our current stand your ground case law. We need a statute that creates a presumption in favor of the homeowner over the criminal. Florida's statute should serve as a model for Idaho's self-defense laws. We are a gun-owning population, and the law-abiding, gun-owning Idahoan population deserves to be protected by our laws over and above criminals.

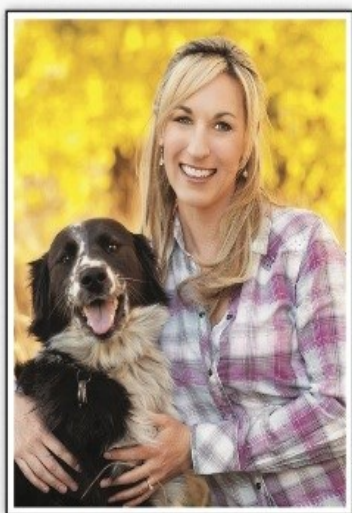
Idaho is a gun friendly state. Let's push it this coming legislative session and shoot to be #1 for gun owners.

Alexandria Kincaid is a practicing attorney in Boise Idaho and has been very active in the second amendment movement in trying to strengthen our rights as gun owners. She has also written a great article which we will publish in our next newsletter "The 10 Things Every Gun Owner Must Know About Deadly Force" or you can visit her website and download it from there. <http://3glaw.com/>

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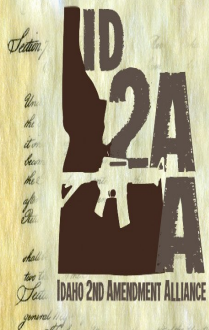
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Section 1. The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and shall be eligible for one Term only.

The 2013 legislative session did not produce the results that many Idaho gun owners wanted to see. In the 2014 session we want to make sure the Idaho legislature knows the desires of its constituents. We need thousands of Idahoans to march with us in January and every legislator to stand with the people of Idaho in defending the 2nd Amendment. We want to see Idaho lead the way in the preservation and expansion of our 2nd Amendment rights.

We are going to meet at the Boise Center on the Grove near the water fountain. We will meet at 10:30 and begin the march at 10:50. Once we arrive at the capitol we will have a few quick words from special guest speakers and then present our legislative ideas to the legislators. From 11:30 to 2:00 we encourage you to set up a time to meet with your legislators and take a tour of YOUR statehouse.



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Urgent Call to Action



At the top of the [Idaho School Board Association Convention website](#) there's a count-down clock. It looks like a count down to a party. The website lists all the activities that will be taking place during their three-day conference, **Nov 6-8** in Coeur d'Alene.

The School Board Association has a proposed resolution to endorse Common Core in Idaho. But those of us at Idahoans for Local Education and The 9-12 Project of Idaho are not done with our fight to defeat it!

The ISBA annual convention will include the following topics:

<p>“Using Data to Make Informed Decisions” (A look at the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) and the availability of new data)</p>	<p>“Communicating about the Idaho Core Standards” (No doubt this is intended to teach them how to communicate with parents and convince them that Common Core is a good thing)</p>
<p>“Demystifying Data: How to Crack it, Track it, and Use it to Improve Student Achievement and Management Oversight” (Teaching board members to understand and use the new data)</p>	<p>“Implementing Recommendations For Teacher and Principal Evaluations” (Vital for meeting one of the requirements of our ESEA waiver)</p>

During the business session, school board members will debate and vote on the resolutions that will drive the ISBA's Legislative Platform, including **ISBA's Resolution Two, “Support for Idaho Core Standards”**, which is a compilation of all the talking points used to promote Common Core (*Voluntary, state-led, adopted by the state legislature*), none of it based in fact. Read the resolution [---HERE---](#)

This is a Call to Action. Call your local school board members. Tell them you don't want this Common Core resolution passed. When you're done with that contact the [Idaho School Board Association](#) and tell them the same thing.

Look over the list below to see who is from your region and send them a special note asking them to not support Resolution 2. We must work fast

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ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE



The annual Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday November 9th 2013 in downtown Boise. The parade route is on Jefferson and Bannock between 4th and 11th streets.

Starting time will be 9:30 AM to allow time for KTVB-TV channel 7 to broadcast the parade. This is a “first” in the history of the parade and a great way to let people know we actually have a parade to honor our veterans.

The theme of the parade is “Honoring All Who Served” with a sub theme of “Recognizing the Severely Wounded.” Grand Marshall for 2013 is The Wyakin Warriors Foundation. You can check them out at <http://www.wyakin.org> This group is located in Boise and is a worthwhile national organization that works with the severely wounded, injured veterans, or post 9/11 veterans.

For the first time ever, the committee has set up both a Facebook page, “Boise Veterans Day Parade,” and a website. <http://www.boiseveteransdayparade.org>. Everyone is encouraged to visit these two social media sites to stay abreast of the latest announcements

This parade is conducted each year by the Veterans Day Parade Committee, a 501c4 non profit group of concerned citizens. It costs approximately \$4,000 to fund the parade each year, which covers the cost of public toilets, barricades, parade clean up, insurance and administrative costs. If you would like to assist us in meeting our funding needs, you can find out about sponsorship on our website. We will also be selling a set of three commemorative ceramic coins each year to assist in this effort. This years coins, which are also shown on our website, honor the Wyakin Warriors, the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and all Services. These coins sell for \$4.00 each or \$10.00 for a set of three.

Please bring family and friends to join us in honoring our Veterans.

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This year's dinner will feature Ms. Star Parker - president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education. CURE's Board of Directors include Dr. Ben Carson, John Ashcroft and Walter Williams.

Ms. Parker is the author of *White Ghetto* and *Uncle Sam's Plantation*. She is a regular guest commentator on Fox News and TBN.



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SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

NOV. 1st. At 8:00am Tea Party Boise. First Friday Coffee with Congressman Raul Labrador at 802 W. Bannock, Lower Plaza 103, Boise 83702. In the basement of the Hoff Building

NOV. 4th. At 6:30pm Tea Party Patriots Meeting at the Blanchard Community Center 685 Rusho Lane. Cornel Razor will be speaking on Silverwings, Land issues, Property Rights, and the Budget.

NOV. 4th. At 6:00pm Sandpoint Tea Party. Tom Luna will be speaking about Common Core Standards At The Casino in Bonners Ferry.

NOV. 5th. at 1900 hours 2013 Ada County 1st Battalion Light Foot Militia at the American Legion Hall 22 W. Broadway Meridian, Idaho

NOV. 5th. at 7:00 pm Custer County Tea Party at Liberty Hall in Challis. Senator Steven Thayne will speak on MP2 and Todd Hatfield candidate for State Controller will discuss his candidacy.

NOV. 6th. At 7:00pm Gem County Tea Party will meet at The Pizza Factory, 102 West 5th. St. Emmett. Speaking will be Wayne Hoffman of the Idaho Freedom Foundation. Pizza \$2.00 a slice donation.

NOV. 7th. At 5:00pm till 7:00pm Conservative Leadership Council Leaders only meeting at Meridian City hall

NOV. 9th. At 9:00am till 5:30pm Treasure Valley Liberty Expo with Ben Swann. Sponsored by the Republican Liberty Caucus of Idaho at the Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtown 1800 Fairview Ave. Boise, Id.

NOV. 9th. At 9:30am The Annual Veterans Day Parade The parade route will be on Jefferson and Bannock between 4th and 11th streets downtown Boise. See Page 21 advertisement for

NOV. 13th. At 7:00pm Project 9/12 will hold a committee meeting only at the American Legion Hall 22 Broadway Meridian, Idaho

NOV. 16th. At 7:00pm Money for Nothing: Inside the Federal Reserve Movie at Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant 2500 E. Fairview Ave. Meridian, Id.

NOV. 18th. At 7:00pm 1st Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour. Student Union Building 1000 West Garden Ave. Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83814

NOV. 19th. At 1900 hours Treasure Valley District 3 Oath keepers at the American Legion Hall 22 Broadway Meridian, Idaho

NOV. 19th. At 7:00pm 1st Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour. Lewiston Community Center 1424 Main Street Lewiston, Idaho

NOV. 20th. AT 1900 Hours. Canyon County 27th Battalion Light Foot Militia. At RK Gunsmithing, 201 N. Kings Road Nampa Idaho

NOV. 20th. At 7:00pm 1st Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour Nampa Civic Center 311 3rd. Street South Nampa, Idaho

NOV. 21st. At 6:00pm Standpoint Tea Party. Panhandle Environmental Health meeting room at 322 Marion, Sandpoint Idaho

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NOV. 21st. At 7:00pm 1st Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour. Boise State University, Student Union Building Boise, Idaho

NOV. 22nd. At 7:00pm 1st Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour. University Place, Tingey Administration Bldg. 1776 Science Center Dr. Idaho Falls, Idaho

NOV. 23rd. At 4:00pm 1st. Annual Pre-legislative MP2 Tour, Student Union Building 921 South 8th. St. Pocatello, Idaho

DEC. 11th. At 7:00pm Tea Party Boise Quarterly meeting. At Fuddruckers 1660 S. Entertainment Ave. Boise, Idaho

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