

Food Producers of Idaho

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Food Producers of Idaho
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Re: Support for S. 1326 – Protection of Private Property Rights

Dear Members of the Idaho Legislature,

Food Producers of Idaho (FPI) represents more than 40 agricultural organizations across the state, serving as the united voice championing Idaho agriculture. We write to express our support for S. 1326.

This legislation codifies longstanding Fourth Amendment protections against government employee entry onto privately owned lands, except under clearly defined circumstances. Importantly, S. 1326 does not alter or diminish existing protections related to a place of habitation or its associated curtilage. Rather, it provides clarity and certainty in the application of constitutional principles to private property.

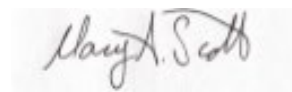
For Idaho's agricultural producers, private land is not only a home, but also a livelihood. Farmers and ranchers steward thousands of acres across the state, and clear boundaries regarding government access are essential to maintaining trust, operational continuity, and respect for constitutional rights.

Advance notice of entry is also critical for biosecurity purposes. Whether protecting livestock herds from disease transmission or safeguarding crop production from the introduction of pests and pathogens, producers must know when individuals will be entering their property so appropriate precautions can be taken.

By reaffirming historic protections and clearly outlining the limited circumstances under which entry may occur, S. 1326 promotes transparency and accountability while preserving legitimate governmental functions. This legislation strikes an appropriate balance between protecting private property rights and ensuring lawful oversight. It reinforces Idaho's longstanding commitment to individual liberties and the rule of law.

For these reasons, Food Producers of Idaho respectfully urges your support of S. 1326.

Sincerely,



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