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March 28, 2022

The Honorable Janice McGeachin
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
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Dear Madam President:

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed, the following Senate bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1381

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:25 p.m. on March 22, 2022.

I am vetoing this legislation because I am a lifelong advocate of limited government, and Senate Bill 1381 significantly expands government overreach into the private sector.

I kept Idaho open while other states were on lockdown, never issued any mask or vaccine mandates, and banned "vaccine passports." I am committed to working through the rule of law to keep Idaho the strongest state in the nation.

I have been consistent in stating my belief that businesses should be left to make decisions about the management of their operations and employees with limited interference from government. For the same reason, I sued to stop President Joe Biden's vaccine mandates three times, successfully challenging his unprecedented government overreach into the lives of American workers and the decisions of free businesses.

Throughout my time in public service, I have advocated for and championed fewer government regulations and mandates on businesses. As Governor, I have worked effectively with Idahoans and my legislative partners to make Idaho the least regulated state and to maintain the strongest economy and state budget in the nation. It is a big part of the reason we are able to provide Idahoans historic tax relief and make record investments in schools, roads, water, and other areas important to the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

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