

**Senator Kevin Cook's email correspondence to the Post Register**

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Mr. Pace,

Thank you for your work and for reaching out.

I am not sure what to say. ... I am a farm boy at heart, and don't have lots of earth shattering, golden nuggets of wisdom to share.

First, I did not refuse to appear before the jury. From day one I told Mr. Beck I would show up at his hearing if he would guarantee the trial and voting would be open to the public. We discussed this for several weeks. Then to my surprise I received an email stating the date of my trial and an attached document with my 10 allegations.

I am really disappointed in the leadership of the IDGOP and BCRCC. Everything about our party should be transparent and open to the public.

Allegation 1. HB 24 - The Launch bill. I am a 100% believer in this. But, if it doesn't work as we plan there is a sunset date on this bill that will allow the program to die a natural death unless the legislators act upon it.

Allegation 4. SB-1038 - Read this section of the bill and you tell me if any responsible conservative republican would vote for this bill:

"A qualified school shall not be required to alter its creed, practices, admissions policy, or curriculum in order to accept students whose parents pay tuition or fees from a freedom in education savings account pursuant to this chapter in order to participate as a qualified school."

In other words the state of Idaho is supposed to give money to a private school and have no say or view into how that money is spent or what they teach. Really?

The majority of the Republicans voted against this bill.

Allegation 5. SB1147 - This bill was hashed out and resolved in JFAC and the opponents know it. JFAC received a letter from the University of Washington stating that no funds from the state of Idaho go to support any of the objectionable classes that were being discussed and listed in this allegation. The BCRCC needs to do a better job at their homework.

Majority of Republican Senators voted Aye.

Allegation 6. SB1176 - This bill was hashed out and resolved in JFAC and the opponents know it.

Majority of Republicans voted Aye for this bill.

Thanks,

Senator Kevin Cook