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SENT BY EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL: governor@gov.idaho.gov

The Honorable Brad Little
Governor of Idaho
700 West Jefferson
Second Floor
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Calling for an Idaho potato boycott if abortion ban signed into law

Dear Governor Little:

Our national association will be calling on organizations and individuals throughout the nation that support abortion rights to boycott Idaho potatoes if you sign into law the draconian ban-and-bounty law passed by the legislature yesterday. FFRF works to uphold the constitutional principle of separation between state and church and represents more than 36,000 members nationwide, including members in Idaho.

This bill is cruel, barring abortions before most individuals even realize they are pregnant. It is unconstitutional under *Roe v. Wade*. It denies pregnant persons bodily autonomy and it is based on a bill that has caused chaos and disruption to millions of Texas women. Senate Bill 1309 even one-ups the Texas ban by increasing the bounty penalty from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Please consider carefully that 60 percent of the U.S. population supports *Roe v. Wade*, and that potatoes remain your state's top cash crop, with revenues estimated at \$1.1 billion.¹

We can do without Idaho potatoes, but our nation cannot prosper if it treats women with unwanted pregnancies as breeding machines, those who help them as criminals, and seeks to inflict the narrow tenets of a minority of religious Americans upon the rest of us.

Sincerely,



Dan Barker and Annie Laurie Gaylor
Co-Presidents

¹ Idaho set a record for net farm income in 2019, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation
<https://www.idahofb.org/news-room/posts/idaho-set-a-record-for-net-farm-income-in-2019/>