

April 15, 2020

Idaho Republican Party
P.O. Box 2267
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RE: Idaho Republican Party Platform, 2020 Primary

Chairman Labrador,

Per your letter of March 16, please see below:

I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. Except for the provisions specifically noted below, I support the Idaho Republican Party Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party.

Article I

Section 2. (E)

Provision: Current wording doesn't address the status quo of taxes for existing federal health programs like Medicare.

Section 2. (H)

Provision: While a comprehensive overhaul is needed, universal participation isn't defined.

Section 3. (C)

Provision: Prior to the passage of the 17th amendment, many states had adopted a "primary"-type system that considered the citizens' preference versus relying solely on legislative discretion. Even if a repeal were to pass, it's unlikely that states would return to the legislature-only process, making a change to the current operations of the Senate unlikely. However, it would open the door to shifting the focus of state races from how a legislator will deal with state and local issues to how one might vote on the election of a federal Senator.

Section 4. (A)

Provision: Backing the U.S. dollar with gold or silver creates a national security issue. Switching to a financial system based on precious metals opens the door to other nations stockpiling and controlling these resources, leaving U.S. finances vulnerable to manipulation by foreign powers.

Section 5. (D)

Provision: I support state sovereignty and do believe there is federal overreach. However, the U.S. Constitution makes no mention of nullification.

Article X.

Provision: The current wording does not clearly define if management and administration of federal lands also comes with sole financial responsibility for things like fire suppression. In any given year, the cost for fire suppression alone on federal lands could use up Idaho's entire general fund.

I also stipulate that since the Idaho Republican Party Platform may be amended, I reserve the right to make changes or additions to these provisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Britt Raybould". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B".

Rep. Britt Raybould