

Dear Idaho Republican Party,

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.

Section 3C: Repeal the 17th Amendment.

Prior to this amendment senator selection was done by the state legislature. "Late in the 19th century, some state legislatures deadlocked over the election of a senator when different parties controlled different houses, and Senate vacancies could last months or years. In other cases, special interests or political machines gained control over the state legislature." - *Treasury of Congress*

Allowing the people to elect their senators makes it much more difficult to serve private interests and to remain loyal to the people

Respectfully,

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