

To the Legislators of the Idaho Interim Committee on Energy, Environment, and Technology:

Thank you for your service to the state of Idaho and for the time that you have dedicated to shaping the energy framework in this state. I know that the current review of the Energy Plan is no simple task, and I appreciate your efforts.

I am writing to tell you that I care about Idaho's energy future. I care about using our energy wisely, knowing that every kilowatt saved through energy efficiency and conservation reduces the need for expensive new power plants and the environmental impacts they carry. I care about developing in-state renewable resources that will provide reliable energy without costly environmental regulation and public health impacts of traditional power generation. I care about holding my electric utility and its regulators accountable for the efforts they take or don't take to aggressively pursue the expansion of energy efficiency and renewable energy in Idaho. And finally, I care about the time and careful thought that the legislators on this Interim Committee put into crafting my state's guiding energy policy document, which will give you the impetus to write legislation that will make Idaho a leader in responsible energy use and production.

As an Idaho citizen and energy consumer, I'm urging you to take the steps necessary to ensure that energy efficiency, the cheapest and most logical resource of choice for utilities, remains the "highest priority" in the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan, followed by sustainable, renewable energy.

Also, I'm asking that you please extend the comment period for the review of this new draft of the Idaho Energy Plan. One week's notice on the Legislature website is not an adequate time frame for all members of the public to read and respond to the contents of this elaborate document.

I care about Idaho's energy future, and I know that others do too. Please show Idaho that you care by prioritizing energy efficiency and also by giving others more of a reasonable chance to comment.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to reading your reply.

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