Dear Chairman Mortimer and members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 1130.

Our schools are vitally important to our Community and to the future of our State. Educated citizens are the key to the economic expansion of Idaho, and our ability to attract and retain a diversified employment base.

School Boards set local educational policy and priorities, yet the election of the members of these important local boards continue to attract only a small percentage of eligible voters.

Senate Bill 1103, will expand voter participation in local school board elections by moving them to be part of the November general elections in even years. The Bill will also allow local School Boards the local option of electing Board members by region or by expanding the elections to Districts.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this important Bill.

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