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Attachment 2
H 565 – Representative Scott
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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

March 4, 2018

Representative Heather Scott
State Capitol
700 West Jefferson
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Representative Scott,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association's ("ICOPA") membership fully supports House Bill 565.

Many of our members are retired law enforcement and we appreciate your efforts to promote and enhance public safety here in Idaho by sponsoring legislation that will allow retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons on college campuses and elementary and secondary school property.

As we went through the process to understand the potential impact the legislation would have on our members we learned that a large percentage of retired officers have for years assumed that carrying a gun on school grounds was in fact legal under Idaho law.

Given the increased number of tragic school shootings we have seen across the nation and the series of threats and arrests we have seen here in Idaho schools over the past few weeks this legislation is timely, important and provides much needed clarification.

Retired law enforcement officers have specialized training, knowledge and requisite judgement that comes with many years of professional experience. As such they are in a uniquely qualified to help protect and keep Idaho students safe.

Please convey our public support for your bill to your colleagues in the legislature. Should you have any questions of me or the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, please let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. H. Estess".

Mark H. Estess
Executive Director

cc: Craig Kingsbury, Chief of Police, Twin Falls Police Department, President, ICOPA