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To: The Senate Resources and Environment Committee

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House Bill 189 As Amended

Chairman Heider and Committee:

The amended version of House Bill 189 repeals Idaho Code Section 36-1303, which deals with search authority for Title 36 enforcement.

A repeal would end confusion. A repeal would confirm that the same search standards and constitutional framework apply to both wildlife crimes under Title 36 and crimes elsewhere in Idaho Code.

Certified peace officers, whether they are Fish and Game conservation officers, or other state or local peace officers, have enforcement authority for wildlife crimes under Title 36, general crimes under Title 18, and other crimes listed elsewhere in Idaho Code. A repeal makes sense.

The Fish and Game Commission supports House Bill 189, as amended.