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Hon. Todd M. Lakey, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Idaho Legislature

Re: SB 1349 – RS 30855

Dear Chairman Lakey:


It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to communicate with you after so many years. You have achieved a lot, and we Idahoans are fortunate to have your leadership in the Idaho Senate.

I have now been practicing law in Idaho for 48 years. In recent years much of my focus has been on trust and estate planning. I have been a member of the Trust and Estate Planning Institute headed by Bob Aldridge and I have watched the amazing work he has done for the elderly and disabled in this State. His dedication to improving the legal environment that necessarily surrounds them is humbling to me. We would be decades behind in this field of law in Idaho without his skills and determination.

The statute being considered by your committee is the result of years of work by many people in the various industries who have occasion to provide services to the elderly and disabled and their families. Many revisions to the laws in Idaho were shepherded by Mr. Aldridge, but he and a host of other practitioners have seen the need for a codification of the laws governing conservatorships and guardianships, as well as the need to anticipate the impact of the arrival of many newcomers to Idaho and the relationships already established under the laws of their origin. This Bill has been widely circulated to be sure that those entrusted with the care of our elderly and disabled have the direction and assurance to concentrate on their work and have had the opportunity to share the impact of their experience.

Please share this with your committee members, along with the 4-page summary prepared by Mr. Aldridge which I am enclosing with this letter. If you deem it appropriate, please emphasize the importance to them of moving this Bill along, with due consideration, so that it might receive the hearing and favorable vote of the entire Senate and House this session.

Thank you for taking the time to review this. With best regards,


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