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TO: Members of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee

FR: Food Producers of Idaho - Stacey Satterlee, President

Rules for Weight and Measures

Food Producers of Idaho represents over 40 agricultural commodity groups, agribusiness and farm organizations with members in Idaho and across the Pacific Northwest. Food Producers of Idaho urges your vote in **SUPPORT** of the Rules for Weight and Measures, Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, IDAPA 02.02.14.

Accurate scales and measuring devices are essential tools in agriculture and create consumer trust in the amount of product that is being sold or purchased. These tools weigh our raw products, fertilizer and livestock, and adequately ensure that agricultural producers both deliver and receive the correct amount of payment for the commodities they sell.

Additionally, these rules affect scales and measurement devices that go well beyond the farm or ranch. Consumers at local grocery stores and fuel stations use scales and pumps that have been inspected for accuracy by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).

It is critical that these devices and tools are accurate – to that end and through a negotiated rulemaking process, industry has agreed to share a portion of the fees. Accurately checking the measurements on these devices and tools takes equipment and personnel that come with expenses. If these rules are not approved and fees established, industry will still need ISDA to continue to conduct the inspections, but the cost of implementing the program could fall on other programs within ISDA.

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Current list of members on the back of this letter.