

IDAHO WINE COMMISSION

Idaho Brewers United
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Dear Sheila,

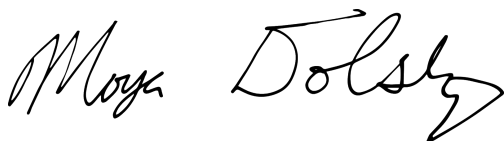
I am happy to hear about the legislation forming the Idaho Beer and Hop Commission. As a state agency we are not allowed to take a formal position on legislation. However, I want to be clear the Idaho Wine Commission will by no means stand in the way of your legislation.

I think this will be a beneficial place for the strong beer funds from the excise tax to reside. I want to confirm, as I have stated before, that the Board and I want to see the beer industry use the strong beer excise tax to promote the industry in the same way the grape and wine industry has benefited from the excise tax. We want to see both the beer and wine industries succeed.

Our hope is to run legislation to increase our share of the Idaho Wine excise tax to make up the portion of the excise tax that will be lost due to strong beer being removed from the wine excise tax thus reducing our agencies funding. We would hope the beer industry would support this legislation.

I hope we both have a successful legislation session and can work together in the future to promote each of our industries.

Sincerely,



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