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Representative Janice McGeachin
Idaho State Legislature
State Capital Building
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Representative McGeachin,

Grow Idaho Falls, Inc. would like to show our support for the Joint Memorial regarding a blending bias for cellulose ethanol.

As we all know, the state of Idaho has a rich history in agriculture related industries. The cellulose ethanol industry could help to build on our existing agriculture assets and at the same time help to create a new industry that doesn't already exist in this state. One project alone could help to create an estimated \$320,000,000 capital investment, create more than 500 direct and indirect jobs and help to add to the tax base for the state.

An incentive at the national level to use agriculture waste instead of the grain portion of plants for ethanol production is a step in the right direction. It would also help reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil, and become more self-sufficient with our energy needs.

We appreciate your tireless and dedicated support for this truly unique opportunity, and we stand ready to support your efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to the impact that your continued support for these types of projects will have on the state, and the long-term benefits that it will bring for the citizens of Idaho, family farmers, business people and communities across the United States.

Sincerely,


Kipp Hicks
Executive Director