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GOVERNOR

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Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick  
The United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

Thank you for your letter requesting Idaho's support for your on-going negotiations in the area of government procurement.

The state of Idaho will continue to authorize the U.S. Trade Representative to offer access to the Idaho State government procurement market in new trade agreements that USTR is currently negotiating. These include trade agreements with Morocco, Australia, the countries of the Central American Common Market (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua), the South African Customs Union (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland), and the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

Idaho will undertake the same commitments with regard to these new agreements that it has already undertaken under the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. Per your letter of last year and in subsequent conversations with your staff, there is clear understanding that the commitment by Idaho to be covered by these agreements is given only under the condition that our trading partners provide the same meaningful access to their markets.

We wish you continued success in your on-going efforts to open new markets for U.S. and Idaho products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dirk Kempthorne", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
Governor

cc: Jean Heilman Grier, Office of U.S. Trade Representative