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Representative Don Cheatham
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Dear Representative Cheatham,

Idaho Business for Education would like to thank you for all the hard work you did this session for education and congratulate you on the many initiatives you approved to help set our students up for success in school, work and life.

When the 2016 session started, Governor Otter set a very ambitious and visionary education agenda for the Legislature. You met the Governor's challenge by approving most of his recommendations and even went beyond some of his recommendations.

For IBE the crown jewel of the session was your focus on reading and literacy. Thanks to your commitment we have a chance to help nearly 37,000 Idaho students learn how to read proficiently by the 4th Grade.

We also thank you for supporting the restoration of operating funds, funding the second year of the career ladder, appropriating money for academic and career advising and funding the work of the STEM Action Center.

On a personal note, we appreciate your willingness to include us in the discussion and allow us to express our opinion on this legislation.

We hope you get some much-deserved rest and relaxation during the interim and we look forward to working with you again in the 2017 session.

With best regards,

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