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The Honorable Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho  
Idaho State Capital  
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Dear Governor Little,

The Payette Endowment Lands Alliance (PELA) appreciated the opportunity for comment regarding the McCall area endowment lands during the Land Board meeting on November 17, 2020. At that meeting, PELA heard Alec Williams of Trident Holdings state his intention to submit an application for a land exchange within a few weeks, and we would like to address that here.

At the June 16, 2020 Idaho Land Board meeting, the Land Board directed the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) to suspend leasing and disposing of lands in and around McCall, where not previously approved, until a detailed plan for those lands is presented by the IDL and approved by the Land Board. During the November 17, 2020 Idaho Land Board meeting, Ryan Montoya of the IDL presented the draft Payette Endowment Lands Strategy and proposed to seek Land Board approval for a final plan in February or March of 2021.

PELA respectfully requests the Idaho Land Board honor the current moratorium on the leasing and disposing of McCall area lands by pausing consideration of proposals or applications, written or oral, for leasing or disposing of the McCall area endowment lands. In accordance with the Land Board's direction to IDL, Trident Holdings and other entities should not be allowed to make proposals or

applications until after the IDL has completed the Payette Endowment Lands Strategic Plan, presented it to the Land Board, and received final approval. Also, this would facilitate the IDL's focus on reviewing a broad range of phased-in solutions with stakeholder input and finalizing a plan.

Respectfully,

Deb Fereday  
President, Payette Endowment Lands Alliance, Inc.

Cc:

Mr. Lawrence Denny, Idaho Secretary of State

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Mr. Brandon Woolf, Idaho State Controller

Ms Sherri Ybarra, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Dustin Miller, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, Secretary to the Land Board

Mr. Ryan Montoya, Real Estate Bureau Services Chief, Idaho Department of Lands