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TO: Members of the Senate Ag Affairs Committee

FR: Wyatt Prescott, President  
Food Producers of Idaho

## H531

Food Producers of Idaho, representing over 40 agriculture and commodity organizations in Idaho and the Northwest, has discussed biosecurity dealing with intentional damages to agricultural facilities and **has voted to support and track H531.**

The membership agrees that their facilities should be firmly protected against crimes intended to infect crops or livestock products at agricultural operations with diseases or poison. It is also of the utmost importance that Idaho continues to protect our food supply and economic stability in agriculture.

Those who knowingly release or spread any type of contagious, communicable or infectious disease or poison on a crop or livestock at an agriculture facility have made the clear decision that the health and safety of the public, respect for private property and well being of a family or owner, is secondary to their opinions. They not only would have made the choice to hold an opinion in contrast to what is allowed by law and society at large, but would make the distinction that they know better and, with planning and forethought, would act contrary to the law.

H531 not only provides protection for farmers, ranchers and processors but also provides protection for consumers. Food Producers of Idaho is asking for your support of H531 and your "YES" vote on this measure.

**Current membership on reverse side**