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TO: Members of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee

### S1033

The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) is the official voice for all segments of the beef industry in Idaho, from seedstock breeders to commercial operators to cattle feeders. ICA is the grassroots policy development organization for Idaho's second-leading agricultural industry and is unique in that the membership spans to every corner of Idaho. **ICA supports S1033, which seeks to add definition to Idaho's Right to Farm Act.**

The Idaho Right to Farm laws were placed into Idaho code in 1981 and have been amended several times since. The primary purpose, as set forth in the statute, was to narrow the definition of "nuisance" in connection with agricultural operations and prevent the premature removal of lands from agricultural uses in urbanizing areas.

The Idaho legislature has recognized the importance of the agricultural economy to the State of Idaho and has prohibited individuals from suing and making a claim for nuisance, in cases where a farmer or rancher is engaged in normal production practices.

While the Right to Farm is protective in nature regarding prevention of removal from farmland in urban areas, or limiting circumstances where operations are deemed "nuisance", there is currently no practical application of protection when combatting such claims. This legislation provides an element of financial burden for those bringing meritless claims, while potentially discouraging such claims, and in cases where a farmer or rancher prevails, provides that they have their legal fees recovered.

Idaho is an agrarian state and this legislation will continue to protect the ranching way of life. ICA supports S1033.

Sincerely,

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