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TO: Members of the Idaho Senate Resources & Environment Committee

H587

The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) is the official voice for all segments of the beef industry. We are dedicated to representing seedstock breeders, commercial operators and cattle feeders. ICA is unique in that members are located in every corner of Idaho. The ICA **SUPPORTS** H587 that would allow for continuous appropriation of the Rangeland Improvement account.

Previous legislation created the Rangeland Improvement Act, which allows the Idaho Department of Agriculture to assist producers in seeking resources and funding to carry out grazing improvement projects across the state. These projects could consist of rangeland improvement and maintenance through the development of water sources or additional fencing, as examples. The funding could be used for the control of predator and depredating animals; the control, management, or extermination of noxious weeds or invasive species; and any other management tools that further the general welfare of livestock grazing.

This legislation would give the authority for continued spending of sourced funds, creating ability to prioritize projects and seek completion in a timely manner. The availability of funding, which is secured from grants, private donors, and other sources, would further assist ranchers in securing resources to make those rangeland improvements and then monitor those projects, for the benefit of good stewardship on Idaho's landscape.

Making these funds and resources more readily available for projects occurring in rural Idaho will strengthen rural Idaho, while assisting in the long-term viability of the beef industry in Idaho. The ICA urges your **YES** vote on H587.

Sincerely,

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