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The Honorable Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
700 W. Jefferson Street
Capitol Building, Room W223
Boise, ID 83702

RE: Medical Education Committee Report

Dear Governor Otter,

In response to your request in your January 2016 "State of the State" address, the State Board of Education reactivated its Medical Education Committee to work with the medical community and higher education institutions to develop a new plan for addressing future demand for healthcare providers in Idaho. The Committee convened in April and, meeting monthly, has engaged with key stakeholders from across the state to find opportunities to sustain the momentum that has been achieved since the promulgation of the initial medical education task force report recommendations in 2009.

Attached for your review is a summary of the key findings and recommendations of the Committee. This report was reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education at its meeting yesterday at the College of Western Idaho. The report outlines action areas which can have a positive impact on Idahoans' access to medical/healthcare in all regions of the state. We have coordinated with your staff, with DFM, and with the Department of Health and Welfare on several of the initiatives which, with your support, could be implemented in the upcoming Legislative session as part of the FY2018 budget.

Thank you for your leadership and initiative in addressing this area of critical need for Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emma L. Atchley".

Emma Atchley, President
Idaho State Board of Education

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