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Dear Taxpayer,

We are pleased that you are receiving some property tax relief this year as part of our Public Safety Grant Initiative. The CARES Act provided federal coronavirus relief funds to the State of Idaho to mitigate against expenses associated with coronavirus. This included funding for frontline public safety personnel. Fully funding Idaho police officers, sheriff's deputies, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and other critical public safety employees is and continues to be a top priority.

Idaho created the Public Safety Grant Initiative to leverage federal coronavirus relief funds to cover local public safety personnel salaries, ensuring local communities are prepared to respond to the pandemic. Under the plan, local elected officials agreed not to raise base property tax budgets by forgoing their annual 3% increase. In addition, we have the opportunity to pass coronavirus relief fund savings on to property taxpayers.

As we continue to work with our state lawmakers on ways to provide ongoing property tax relief for Idahoans, this plan has the added benefit of providing some one-time property tax relief in the short term.

We are working hard to do everything we can to keep Idahoans healthy and prosperous during the global pandemic. Thank you for your determination during this very challenging time in our history.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho