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**Title: Resolution to Move to Simple Majority for Primary Elections for All State
Candidate Positions**

Submitted by: Darr Moon

Passed by: Custer County

To be presented by: Darr Moon

For All State Candidate Positions

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party is committed to ensuring fair, democratic, and representative elections for all its members; and,

WHEREAS, the current plurality voting system in primary elections allows a candidate to win with less than a majority of the votes, potentially leading to a nominee who does not represent the preference of the majority of Republican voters; and,

WHEREAS, a simple majority system would require a candidate to receive more than 50% of the vote to win the primary election, thereby ensuring that the nominee has broad support among party members; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of a simple majority system will enhance the democratic process,

strengthen the legitimacy of our candidates, and promote unity within the party; and,

WHEREAS, advancements in technology now allow for the efficient and cost-effective printing of ballots, thereby reducing the expenses associated with conducting runoff elections; and,

WHEREAS, numerous other states and jurisdictions have successfully implemented simple majority voting systems, demonstrating the feasibility and benefits of such a change; and,

WHEREAS, that Idaho's new ballot printing technologies ensure that runoff elections will be conducted in a cost-effective manner, reducing financial burdens previously associated with such elections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will support a simple majority voting system for all future primary elections; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the initial primary election, a runoff election will be held between the top two candidates to determine the nominee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will work with the Idaho State Legislature and other relevant authorities to implement this change in a timely and efficient manner; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will educate Republicans about the new voting system and ensure a smooth transition for all future primary elections.

Resolution: 2025-34

Title: Resolution to Restore the Idaho State Presidential Primary in March

Submitted by: Dan Schoenberg, Latah County Committeeman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee January 28, 2025

To be presented by: Dan Schoenberg, Latah County

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has historically held a Presidential Primary in March to determine the Republican nominee for President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Idaho Legislature unintentionally eliminated the Presidential Primary election by passing House Bill 138, and,

WHEREAS, the March Presidential Primary offers a more inclusive and accessible process for Idaho voters, allowing them to participate directly in the selection of Presidential nominees, regardless of their ability to attend a specific caucus location or meet other time-based requirements; and,

WHEREAS, conducting a party caucus often results in lower voter turnout and restricts participation to a smaller, less representative segment of the electorate, while a primary election provides a more straightforward, transparent, and equitable process for all Idaho Voters, regardless of location or personal circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, a Presidential Primary system aligns with the values of representative democracy by allowing every eligible voter to have an equal opportunity to cast their vote and have their voice heard in the process of selecting nominees; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Republican Party's need to move to a caucus system has led to significant logistical and financial challenges, including issues with ensuring fair representation of eligible Idaho Republican voters and securing sufficient participation across the state; and

WHEREAS, restoring a Presidential Primary would be a cost-effective and efficient method for selecting delegates, enabling the party to focus on building unity and preparing for the general election, rather than spending considerable time and resources organizing multiple caucus events across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee hereby urges the restoration of the March Presidential Primary in Idaho, and to discontinue the practice of holding a party caucus for Presidential selection; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee recommends the Idaho State Legislature take steps to ensure the proper funding, scheduling, and administration of a fair, transparent, and inclusive March Presidential Primary system in Idaho; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee, upon the restoration of the Presidential Primary, should take all necessary actions to ensure that the election process is conducted with integrity, transparency, and efficiency, and that the interests of all Idaho Republicans are represented in the delegate selection process.

Resolution 2025-35
Title: Hearing Safety Protection Act

Submitted by: Becky Loomis, Latah County Committeewoman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee April 22, 2025

To be presented by: Becky Loomis, Latah County

WHEREAS, it is medically proven that people who are exposed to loud noises should wear hearing protection. It is also medically proven that exposure to loud noises can lead to hearing loss. For this reason OSHA established hearing protection standards; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Larkin father of Ryan Larkin a Navy Seal who committed suicide donated his son's body for research. Numerous research efforts attempted to identify the changes in the brain of military service members who were involved in explosions. Although Ryan was not involved in a roadside bomb or other explosions it identified multiple scarring on the brain, referred to Microscopic brain scars, detected with new MRI technology; and,

WHEREAS, the study determined that even repeated low level shots of a weapon can impact the brain by sustaining cumulative injuries that result from blast waves that penetrate the skull and the brain; and,

WHEREAS, it is reported that Idaho has the largest national gun ownership in the country. There are reported over 150 million gun owners across the nation. Sporting events, shooting competition and hunting are routine activities that many adults and children in Idaho attend and support; and,

WHEREAS, Press release from Senator Mike Crapo: February 6, 2025 US Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) led a group of 28 additional Senate colleagues in reintroducing S.364, The Hearing Protection Act (HPA). The HPA would reclassify suppressors to regulate them like a regular firearm. Senator Crapo stated "Federal red tape continues to follow the false Hollywood narrative that suppressors are silent, and ignores the reality that they serve a genuine purpose in protecting the hearing of law-abiding American citizens exercising their Second Amendment right" "It is past time Congress removes the burdensome barriers to accessing this equipment for the safety of Idaho's hunters and sportsmen". Senator Risch also supports the HPA as a co-sponsor; and,

WHEREAS, The Hearing Protection Act is supported by the Academy of Doctors of Audiology, National shooting Sports Foundation, the American Suppressor Association, Gun Owners of America and the National Rifle Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports the Hearing Protection Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we direct the State Chairman to request the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to work with their fellow legislators to ensure passage of such legislation, the Hearing Protection Act.

Resolution: 2025-36

Title: Resolution to Support the Idaho High-Needs Student Fund

Submitted by: Todd Thomas-Franklin County Chairman, Region 8 Vice-Chair

Passed by: Franklin County Republican Central Committee April 10, 2025.

To be presented by: Todd Thomas-Franklin County Chairman

WHEREAS, There currently exists an \$80 million gap in funding for the high-needs category of students in the Idaho Public Education budget; and,

WHEREAS. During the 2025 Idaho Legislature, HB 291 was introduced in an effort to partially address the funding gap mentioned above.

This was not by an increase in spending but by a re-allocation of \$3 million to a high-needs student line item in the 2025-26 public school budget; and,

WHEREAS, HB 291 failed to pass the Idaho Senate by a single vote, thereby failing to address the funding gap for high-needs students; and,

WHEREAS, the requested funding of \$3 million represents only 0.1% of the total public schools' budget and therefore would not significantly decrease any other line item; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that a minimum amount of \$3 million would result in a return on the investment in these students by contributing to their education, life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness as highlighted in both the US and Idaho Constitutions; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho public school districts are required by both federal and state law to provide appropriate educational opportunities for all classifications of students, including high-needs students; and,

WHEREAS, We believe in financial conservatism and economic optimization by expecting a reasonable cap amount be placed on said fund to be determined by legislative action.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports the establishment of a high needs student line item within the Idaho Public Schools budget in an amount to be determined by legislative action, during the upcoming 2026 session; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we direct the State Chairman to request the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to work with their fellow legislators to ensure passage of such legislation.

Resolution 2025-37

Title: Resolution on Tobacco Taxation in the State of Idaho

Submitted by: Martin Shaw, Latah County Central Committee Chair

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee April 22, 2025

To be presented by: Martin Shaw, Latah County

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party stands for limited government, individual liberty, and the promotion of free-market principles that empower Idahoans to make their own choices without undue interference or excessive taxation; and,

WHEREAS, the current Idaho tobacco tax imposes a burdensome 40% rate on the wholesale sales price of pipe tobacco and other tobacco products, while cigars are capped at a maximum of 50 cents per unit as of July 1, 2023, and cigarettes are taxed at a fixed rate of 57 cents per pack, creating an inconsistent and inequitable tax burden on pipe tobacco users; and,

WHEREAS, proposals to expand tobacco taxation threaten to further encroach upon individual choice and increase government revenue without clear justification tied to public health or fiscal necessity; and,

WHEREAS, regular consumers of tobacco products can often evade Idaho's tobacco taxes by purchasing online from out-of-state sources with lax enforcement, while Idaho retailers bear a disproportionate burden due to stringent tax reporting and compliance requirements, unfairly disadvantaging local businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's tobacco taxes impose an undue burden on tobacco retailers, who face complex and time-consuming tax reporting obligations that create significant bookkeeping headaches, driving up operational costs and inflating the price of products for consumers; and,

WHEREAS, excessive taxation on tobacco and related products risks driving consumers to unregulated markets or neighboring states with lower tax rates, reducing Idaho's tax revenue and harming local businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the Idaho State Legislature to prioritize tax policies that respect individual liberty, reduce the overall tax burden on Idahoans, and promote economic freedom by resisting the temptation to use tobacco taxes as a tool for social engineering or revenue generation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party calls for the complete elimination of all tobacco taxes in the state of Idaho levied under Idaho Code Title 63, Chapter 25 "Cigarette and Tobacco Products Taxes", including taxes on cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and all other tobacco-related items, by urging the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code to repeal these taxes in their entirety, thereby promoting limited government and opposing excessive and capricious taxation.

Resolution: 2025-38

Title: Resolution Defining the Delegates to A State Ratification Convention

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County Youth Committeeman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee, April 22, 2025

To be presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

WHEREAS, Dozens of states have submitted applications to the United States Congress seeking to call a convention under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution specifies that Congress shall provide for the method of ratification of any proposed constitutional amendments, either by the legislature or by a state ratification convention; and,

WHEREAS, Congress has strategically used this power to control the adoption or rejection of proposed amendments; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho Law currently specifies that a mass statewide election of 21 delegates, nominated by petition and without partisan label, would constitute such a convention; and,

WHEREAS, This system was hastily adopted in 1933 and has not been tried, revisited, or reformed since that date and,

WHEREAS, The people of Idaho have entrusted their elected representatives with the sacred duty to protect and preserve our constitutional republic. ; and,

WHEREAS, States such as New Mexico have sought to preserve the rights and interests of states and defined the composition of such a ratification convention as consisting solely of their state legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Idaho Legislature and the Governor to repeal the substance of the Idaho Constitutional Convention Act (Idaho Code 34-2201 - 2216) as it relates to delegate selection, and enact a law containing the following provisions:

1. That the delegates to a State Ratification Convention as defined in Article V of the United States Constitution shall consist solely of the entire membership of the Idaho House of Representatives and The Idaho Senate as well as the Constitutional Officers of this State.

2. That the people of the State of Idaho shall, in their election of their Legislators and Constitutional Officers have entrusted to them the office of delegate for any subsequent ratification convention; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Majority Leaders of both Houses of the Legislature encouraging them to propose, consider, and adopt such legislation as is herein described.

Resolution: 2025-39

Title: Resolution Raising the Threshold for Judicial Retention Elections

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County Youth Committeeman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee, April 22, 2025

To be presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Whereas: Judicial elections and the selection of just judges is incredibly important to the preservation of our republic, the right interpretation of our Constitution, the protection of our rights, and the swift and proper execution of justice in our land; and,

Whereas: Turnout in Judicial elections is often low, with roll-off rates (incomplete ballots for that race) as high as 20%, and voter education is relatively low; and,

Whereas: Idaho only requires a fifty percent plus one margin for the retention of judges while other states (i.e. Illinois) have raised this threshold; and,

Whereas: Voters have a right to better education in Judicial Elections and Judges have the need to be held to the highest standards of accountability; and,

Whereas: Judges who have lost the confidence of vast portions of their constituency are a liability to both the judiciary and the rule of law.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code 1-2220 to raise the threshold for the retention of judges from a majority, to sixty percent (60%); and,

Be it Further Resolved: That the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code 1-2220 to add statements for and against retention to the ballot.

1. A statement FOR retention to be provided by the judge in question.
2. If applicable, a statement AGAINST retention to be drafted and agreed upon by opponents of retention in a manner determined by the Legislature.

Resolution: 2025-40

Title: Resolution Support of Limiting Out-of-State Funding for Ballot Initiatives

Submitted by: Hari Heath

Passed by: LD2 Central Committee April 18, 2025

To be presented by: Hari Heath, Michael Angiletta

WHEREAS, The people of Idaho cherish their right to self-governance and to shape the future of their state through the ballot initiative process, guided by their own values and priorities; and,

WHEREAS, The rising tide of out-of-state funding, such as the 80% of contributions totaling \$4.4 million that bankrolled the 2024 Proposition 1 Ranked Choice Voting Initiative, originating from beyond Idaho's borders - threatens to drown out the voices of Idahoans, allowing distant monied interests, political action committees (PACs), and advocacy groups detached from the values and interests of Idaho's people to exert undue influence over our state's institutions; and,

WHEREAS, A ballot initiative to establish regulated limits on out-of-state funding for ballot initiatives represents a powerful opportunity for Idahoans to reclaim control of their republican form of government, ensuring that decisions about Idaho's future are driven by those who live here, work here, and/or call this state home; and,

WHEREAS, The Legislative District 2 Republican Committee stands resolute in its commitment to defending the principles of local control, state sovereignty, and the right of Idahoans to govern themselves without interference from out of state elites or national special interests; and,

WHEREAS, The passage of this initiative would deliver profound benefits to the people of Idaho, including:

1. A stronger, clearer voice for Idahoans in the ballot process, ensuring that local concerns, rather than the agendas of out-of-state donors, drive the conversation and shape our state's laws;

2. Greater transparency and accountability in elections, shining a light on the sources of campaign funds and empowering voters to make informed choices free from external manipulation;

3. A renewed sense of pride and ownership in Idaho's republican form of government, as citizens stand together to protect their state from being overwhelmed by wealthy outsiders;

4. A deterrent to out-of-state groups who might think twice before pouring millions into Idaho, knowing that our people are united in defense of their independence; and

5. A foundation for future efforts to safeguard Idaho's elections, combining practical limits with enhanced disclosure rules to keep our state's destiny in the hands of its residents.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee proudly endorses and supports a ballot initiative to establish regulated limits on out-of-state funding for ballot initiatives, recognizing it as a vital step toward restoring the power of Idaho's citizens over their own elections; and,

Be it further resolved that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon all Idahoans - farmers, workers, families, and neighbors - to rally behind this initiative, to vote overwhelmingly in its favor, and to join in this historic effort to preserve the integrity of our state's republican form of government; and,

Be it further resolved that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will submit this resolution to all House and Senate legislators in Idaho - thereby reinforcing Idaho's commitment to a republican form of government free from external influence.

Resolution: 2025-41

Title: Resolution to Repeal the Grocery Tax by way of a Ballot Initiative

Submitted by: Howard Rynearson

Passed by: LD9 Central Committee

To be presented by: Howard Rynearson

WHEREAS, there is a fundamental right to provide food as sustenance for all humanity and therefore it is immoral to be taxed; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho is only one of four states that charges equal sales tax on food as well as all other items; and,

WHEREAS, the results of a 2024 poll conducted by Rasmussen for Mountain States Policy Center, 87% (63% strongly) are in favor of repealing the grocery sales tax on food; and,

WHEREAS, for several years the act of filing a proposed bill in the chairman's drawer and not give it a hearing has been consistently used to ignore this issue; and,

WHEREAS, the one and only time the Idaho Legislature passed a bill to repeal the grocery tax, it was vetoed by Governor Butch Otter; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Little said, as a campaign promise, that he would sign a bill to repeal the grocery tax if sent to him by the legislature; and,

WHEREAS, instead of helping Idaho citizens feed their families the tax on groceries are largely used to grow government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports a ballot initiative to be brought before the people, and with sufficient signatures subsequently placed on the 2026 ballot for the repeal of sales tax on groceries.

Resolution 2025-42

**Title: Idaho Code 5-343 as written is taking away the 14th Amendment Rights
from Adult Students on Public Idaho Colleges and Universities**

Submitted by: Mark Rhatigan, LD-8 Chairman

Passed by: Elmore County Republican Central Committee April 24, 2025

To Be Presented by: Mark Rhatigan

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-343 prevents lawsuits involving weapons policy for Idaho public higher education institutions,

WHEREAS, this is a violation of Section 1 of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in regard to due process,

WHEREAS, *Lansdale v. Tyler Junior College*, 470 F.2d 659 (5th Cir. 1972) is a demarcation line between high school and the college campus where the weight of the student's maturity, as compared with the institution's modified role in his or her education.

WHEREAS, Adult students on public Idaho Colleges and Universities have the right to protect their 2nd Amendment rights by suing in court in accordance with the 14th Amendment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the State of Idaho does not have the right to take away any individual inalienable rights according to the 14th Amendment, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the IDGOP supports repealing I.C. 5-343.

Resolution 2025-43

Title: Eliminating “Gender Identity” and Gender Ideology” From All Ordinances, Codes, Rules, Bylaws and Statutes in the State of Idaho and All Its Political Subdivisions

Submitted by: Ada County Republican Central Committee

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

To be presented by: Michael Hon

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, on January 20, 2025, signed Executive Order 14168, “DEFENDING WOMEN FROM GENDER IDEOLOGY EXTREMISM AND RESTORING BIOLOGICAL TRUTH TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT” and

WHEREAS, women are biologically distinct from men, with such distinction being defined at the chromosomal level; and,

WHEREAS, across the country and the State of Idaho, ideologues who deny the biological reality of sex have increasingly used legal and other socially coercive means to permit men to self-identify as women and women to self-identify as men to gain access to intimate single-sex spaces and activities designed separately for women and separately for men; and,

WHEREAS, efforts to eradicate the biological reality of sex fundamentally attack women and men by depriving them of their dignity, safety, and well-being. The erasure of sex in language and policy has a corrosive impact not just on the dignity of women and men but on the fabric of society upon which is the foundation of our entire American system. Basing federal, state, and local policy on objective truth is critical to scientific inquiry, medical treatment, public safety, morale, and trust in government itself; and,

WHEREAS, the unhealthy road is paved by an ongoing and purposeful attack against the ordinary and longstanding use and understanding of biological and scientific terms, replacing the immutable biological reality of sex with an internal, unstable, and subjective sense of self unmoored from biological facts; and,

WHEREAS, invalidating the true and biological categories of “women” and “men” improperly transforms laws and policies designed to protect sex-based opportunities into laws and policies that undermine them, replacing longstanding, cherished legal rights and values with a subjective, identity-based, inchoate social concept; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho already defines male, female, boy, and girl according to immutable biological realities in Idaho Code 73-114.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Executive Branch to enforce all sex-protective laws in accordance with Idaho Code 73-114; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Executive Branch to enforce pre-emption on all political subdivisions using Idaho Code 73-114 to govern interpretation and application of Federal and State law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to enact legislation removing all references to “gender identity”, “gender ideology”, “gender expression,” and any like terms from the ordinances, codes, rules, bylaws, policies, or statutes of any taxpayer funded political division within the State of Idaho; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to amend Idaho Code 73-114 to define the terms ‘man’ and ‘woman.’; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee directs the State Chair to transmit this resolution to the Idaho Legislature, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

Resolution 2025-44

Title: Resolution Calling for E-Verify Legislation and Stronger Immigration Enforcement in Idaho

Submitted by: Region V Central Committee

Passed by: Region V Central Committee April 30, 2025

To be presented by: Brian Almon

WHEREAS, the sovereignty and security of the United States depend upon the effective enforcement of its immigration laws; and,

WHEREAS, illegal immigration imposes significant costs on taxpayers, strains public services such as schools, hospitals, and law enforcement, and undermines the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, the McClure Center for Public Policy Research found in 2024 that 35,000 illegal aliens were living in Idaho as of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, a representative of the Idaho Dairymen's Association admitted in 2024 that up to 70% of foreign dairy workers in Idaho potentially lacked legal status; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's growing economy must not continue to be a magnet for illegal labor, nor should law-abiding employers be placed at a competitive disadvantage by those who hire illegal workers; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho can combat illegal immigration more effectively by fully cooperating with the Trump Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the E-Verify system is a proven, federally maintained program that allows employers to verify the legal work eligibility of employees and helps prevent the hiring of unauthorized workers; and,

WHEREAS, section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act allows for cooperative agreements between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement agencies to enforce immigration laws; and,

WHEREAS, the public has a right to transparency regarding the cost and extent of illegal immigration in Idaho, including data on the number of illegal aliens in state prisons, jails, and public schools; and

WHEREAS, special interests, lobbyists, and even members of the Legislature resist efforts to enforce immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party platform, as adopted in June 2024, states that "We support the detainment and prosecution of any person or organization aiding and abetting" illegal aliens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho Legislature and the Governor to pass and sign into law comprehensive legislation during the 2026 legislative session requiring all employers in Idaho to use the federal E-Verify system for all new hires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges all state and local law enforcement agencies to pursue and enter into 287(g)

agreements with ICE to strengthen immigration enforcement at the local level, and for legislation compelling such cooperation where possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for annual reporting by the appropriate state agencies on the number of illegal aliens currently incarcerated in state and local facilities, as well as the estimated number of school-aged children unlawfully present in the state who are enrolled in public schools, and for legislation requiring such reports; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee strongly condemns any business or employer that knowingly hires illegal aliens, and supports penalties for those who do so in violation of state or federal law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee strongly opposes any effort or measure to grant legal status, work permits, or driver's licenses to any person here illegally; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges all elected Republican officials to stand firm against pressure from special interests and to uphold the rule of law by advancing these reforms.

Resolution 2025-45

Title: Resolution in Support of Repealing the Corporate Transparency Act

Submitted by: Brian Clearly

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, January 28, 2025

To be presented by: Brian Clearly or Nina Beesley

WHEREAS, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, requires millions of small businesses and limited liability companies to report detailed ownership information to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN); and

WHEREAS, the CTA imposes significant administrative and compliance burdens on small businesses, family-owned companies, and entrepreneurs who already face extensive regulatory requirements, potentially diverting resources away from growing their businesses and creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, the compliance requirements of the CTA disproportionately affect small businesses and startups by requiring them to navigate complex reporting obligations under threat of substantial fines and penalties, while larger corporations and publicly traded companies are exempt from these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CTA's reporting obligations present privacy concerns by requiring businesses to disclose sensitive personal information, such as names, addresses, and identification numbers of beneficial owners, to a government database that could be vulnerable to misuse, breaches, or unauthorized access; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the CTA, such as combating money laundering, fraud, and terrorism financing, are already addressed through existing regulatory frameworks, including Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) requirements imposed on financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) estimates that compliance with the CTA will cost small businesses approximately \$6.996 billion over five years for initial Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reports, and an additional \$2.033 billion over five years for updated BOI reports, averaging to a significant annual financial burden on small businesses nationwide; and

WHEREAS, recent federal court decisions have raised constitutional concerns regarding the CTA, including:

- *Texas Top Cop Shop, LLC v. U.S. Department of the Treasury*: On December 3, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against the enforcement of the CTA, ruling that the Act is likely unconstitutional as it exceeds Congress's authority under the Commerce Clause and

infringes upon state sovereignty protected by the Tenth Amendment.

- National Small Business Association v. Yellen: In March 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama granted an injunction preventing the enforcement of the CTA against the plaintiffs, citing similar constitutional concerns regarding federal overreach and the infringement of state powers.

WHEREAS, The United States has appealed from the decisions in Texas Top Cop Shop and in National Small Business Association and it is uncertain whether the reviewing appellate courts will affirm or reverse them, and

WHEREAS, according to available data, Kootenai County, Idaho, has approximately 5,755 small business establishments, accounting for 99.9% of all establishments in the county, which may be subject to the CTA's disclosure requirements if the nationwide injunction issued in Texas Top Cop Shop is dissolved on appeal or the U.S. Congress fails to repeal the CTA. Non-compliance is subject to criminal penalties, including fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for up to two years for willful non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, protecting the privacy, economic vitality, and entrepreneurial spirit of our local communities is a priority for this committee and the constituents we represent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee urges Idaho's U.S. Congressional Delegation to unanimously support legislation to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee calls upon Congress to prioritize regulatory frameworks that effectively address financial crimes without disproportionately burdening small businesses or infringing upon privacy rights; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the KCRCC secretary to each member of our Idaho U.S. Congressional delegation, the Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane, and Idaho Attorney General Raul Labrador, encouraging them to take swift action in support of repealing the Corporate Transparency Act.

Resolution 2025-46

Title: Resolution To Preserve and Protect the U.S. Constitution and Oppose All Calls for an Article V Convention

Submitted by: Nina Beesley

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, Feb 25, 2025

To be presented by: Nina Beesley

Whereas, The United States Constitution has protected the fundamental rights of Americans for almost two and a half centuries and provided the foundation for the most peaceful, prosperous, and free nation in the world; and,

Whereas, the establishment and preservation of the Constitution cost the best blood of previous centuries and is a sacred duty incumbent upon every American today; and,

Whereas, the challenges identified by proponents of calling for an Article V convention stem from a failure to abide by the Constitution, NOT from a flaw in the Constitution itself; and,

Whereas, proponents of an Article V convention advocate that such a convention will empower the states to rein in Congress, while the plain language of Article V empowers “Congress” to “call” a convention for proposing “amendments”, necessarily giving Congress a controlling role that supersedes that of the states; and,

Whereas, the Congressional Research Service and the actions of Congress clearly indicate an expectation that duties associated with “calling” a convention pursuant to Article V include making key decisions about the time and location of the convention, the selection, number and apportionment of delegates, and an expectation that Congress would fund the convention, which powers and duties constitute a substantial controlling influence over the make-up of a convention and the conditions under which a convention would take place; and,

Whereas, proponents of an Article V convention make unjustified claims of certainty that such a convention would provide “One state, one vote,” while most recent congressional proposals have suggested proportional representation– a proposal which would be devastating to smaller, conservative states; and,

Whereas, members of the radical left and states like California, who recently passed a resolution calling for an Article V convention in order to impose gun-control on the states, would also have a seat and representation at any convention table; and,

Whereas, assurance that any amendments proposed would require ratification by state legislatures is empty assurance, given Article V’s stipulation that “Congress” again retains a controlling role in the Article V ratification process, choosing the method of ratification, including, as an option, ratification by “conventions” in the various states, presumably organized at the direction of Congress; and,

Whereas, it is clear that the risks outweigh any supposed benefits of calling an Article V Convention. The state of Idaho took action in 1999 in SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129 to repeal all previous calls for an Article V convention, which

action included the following statement: “. . . former Justice of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government”; and,

Whereas, former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger concluded that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the action of a Constitutional Convention after it is convened.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee preserve and protect the U.S Constitution by opposing all calls for an Article V convention; and,

Be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to Idaho legislators, Governor Brad Little, Idaho Attorney General Raul Labrador, and Idaho’s U.S. Congressmen urging them to preserve and protect the U.S. Constitution by opposing all calls for an Article V convention.

RESOLUTION 2025-47

TITLE: SUPPORT OF THE MCLEAN ACT FOR STATUTORY ENFORCEABILITY

Submitted by: Lynn Bradescu

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

To be presented by: Lynn Bradescu

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has a duty to enact laws that uphold the rule of law, promote accountability, and protect the rights of Idahoans under the Idaho Constitution and the U.S. Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 96 (2025), which restricts flags flown on government property to U.S., state, city, military, or tribal flags; and,

WHEREAS, HB 96 lacks penalties or enforcement mechanisms, allowing flagrant violations such as the one recently committed by the City of Boise's display of unauthorized flags; and

WHEREAS, laws without enforcement mechanisms undermine legislative intent, erode public trust, and burden taxpayers with ineffective governance, as seen in the absence of consequences for non-compliance with HB 96; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party Platform supports effective, limited government that ensures laws are clear, enforceable, and consistent with constitutional principles; and

WHEREAS, a statutory requirement for all new laws adopted by the State of Idaho to include enforcement mechanisms and penalties would strengthen governance, prevent toothless legislation, and ensure accountability; and,

WHEREAS, an enforcement mechanism that would impose penalties on any government entity intentionally violating statutes would provide the needed vehicle to compel such entities to comply with the clear intent of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho Legislature to introduce and pass in the 2026 legislative session the McLean Act, legislation that would amend the language adopted by HB 96 to enact enforcement mechanisms that includes but is not limited to the withholding of sales tax revenue to which the jurisdiction would otherwise be entitled; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for a review of existing Idaho statutes to identify and amend those lacking enforcement mechanisms, ensuring all laws are effective and enforceable; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Idaho Governor, the Idaho Attorney General, the Speaker of the Idaho House, the President Pro Tempore of the Idaho Senate, and all members of the Idaho Legislature.

Resolution 2025-48

Title: Resolution Calling for Transition of Nonpartisan Elections to Partisan Races in Idaho

Submitted by: Ben Chafetz

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

To be presented by: Ben Chafetz

WHEREAS, the current nonpartisan elections for Idaho mayors, city councilmen, and school board trustees obscure the ideological and moral frameworks guiding these elected officials, who wield significant influence over the governance of our communities and the education of our children; and,

WHEREAS, these elected officials enact their personal morals and values onto the people and children they govern, often advancing policies that reflect specific ideological leanings under the guise of neutrality; and,

WHEREAS, examples of such moral imposition include the promotion of pride events, which align with liberal values and are frequently sponsored or endorsed by city officials, imposing a particular worldview on constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of sexual books and materials in school libraries and curricula, often championed by school board trustees and reflective of liberal ideologies, exposes children to content that may conflict with the values of many Idaho families; and,

WHEREAS, policies allowing transgender individuals to use the bathrooms of their choice, enacted by city councils and school boards, prioritize a liberal interpretation of gender identity over the privacy and safety concerns of the broader population; and,

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, increasingly foisted upon residents within city limits and children in schools, represent a liberal agenda that mandates ideological conformity rather than fostering individual merit and local values; and,

WHEREAS, these examples demonstrate that nonpartisan elections fail to provide voters with clear information about the moral and political stances of candidates, leaving citizens unable to hold officials accountable to a consistent party platform; and,

WHEREAS, transitioning to partisan races would ensure transparency, allowing voters to align their ballots with candidates whose values and policies reflect the principles of the Republican Party or other defined ideological frameworks; and,

WHEREAS, partisan elections would strengthen democratic accountability by enabling political parties to vet candidates, enforce platform discipline, and mobilize voters around shared ideals, particularly in defense of conservative values cherished by Idahoans at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for the Idaho State Legislature to amend election laws to convert the currently nonpartisan races into partisan elections, effective no later than the 2026 election cycle; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the passage of this resolution, the Chairwoman shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Legislature for the 2026 legislative session.

Resolution 2025-49

Title: Call for Transparency in Weather Modification and Geoengineering

Submitted by: Tammy Nichols

Passed by: District 13 Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

To be presented by: Tammy Nichols

WHEREAS, recent advances in weather modification and geoengineering technologies raise significant concerns regarding their environmental impact and the lack of transparency surrounding their implementation; and,

WHEREAS, experiments such as sun dimming and cloud brightening, which are currently being funded and approved by various governments, advocacy groups, and global philanthropists, pose significant unknown risks to the environment, human health, and agricultural production, and have been approved without sufficient public input or understanding of the long-term consequences; and,

WHEREAS, because airspace is controlled by different government entities at both the federal, state, and international levels, these geoengineering activities fall under multiple jurisdictions, complicating oversight and accountability; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has a responsibility to ensure that all weather modification activities, particularly those conducted under federal agencies such as NOAA, adhere to strict regulatory standards, with full public disclosure of all operations; and,

WHEREAS, the potential risks of these technologies, including unintended weather patterns, environmental degradation, and human health effects, demand careful scrutiny and accountability from both state and federal authorities; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's citizens deserve transparency on any weather modification activities conducted within the state, particularly when they may affect local agriculture, water resources, and public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls on the U.S. Congress, Idaho Legislature, the U.S. Health Secretary, and any other relevant governmental bodies to immediately initiate investigations into these weather practices, experiments, and controls, with particular attention to the complex jurisdictional issues created by the involvement of multiple government entities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee demands increased accountability, requiring all agencies involved in weather modification activities to provide full transparency to the public, including real-time reporting and environmental impact assessments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to members of the U.S. Congress, Idaho Legislature, and relevant governmental bodies, urging them to take swift and decisive action to ensure that all weather modification activities are conducted with full transparency, oversight, and accountability to the citizens of Idaho and the United States; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that if any problems, risks, or issues related to these weather modification activities are identified, immediate steps shall be taken to halt such activities to protect public safety, the environment, and the health of Idaho's citizens.

Resolution 2025-50

Title: Affirm Equal Justice Under Law and Reject Issue-Based Justice Frameworks

Submitted by: Tammy Nichols

Passed by: District 13 Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

To be presented by: Tammy Nichols

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the principle that all individuals are created equal and are entitled to equal protection under the law, without preferential treatment based on ideology, group identity, or political trends; and,

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of laws that ensure the equal protection of all U.S. citizens and legal immigrants, guaranteeing that rights and justice are applied consistently and fairly to all, without discrimination or favoritism based on social, environmental, or political causes; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that & “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”; and that & “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed “. (Source: National Archives, Declaration of Independence, 1776); and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution, including the 14th Amendment, declares that” No State

shall... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;” (U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIV, Sec. 1); and,

WHEREAS, the words” Equal Justice Under Law;” are engraved above the entrance to the United States Supreme Court, constantly reminding us of the constitutional expectation that justice applies equally to all persons, regardless of political causes or group classifications (Supreme Court Historical Society); and,

WHEREAS, Federalist No. 51, written by James Madison, states: “; Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society;” This emphasizes that justice must remain impartial and constant, not influenced by social or environmental causes (Federalist No. 51, 1788); and,

WHEREAS, the rise of ideological frameworks such as “climate justice,” “social justice,” or “environmental justice” threatens the equal application of laws by prioritizing certain categories of people and non-humans over others, undermining the constitutional guarantee of fairness and neutrality; and,

WHEREAS, policies or frameworks that promote group-identity or issue-based justice threaten to create division, undermining the unity that underpins the rule of law, and hindering the equal treatment of all citizens under our shared legal system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee affirms the founding principle of Equal Justice Under Law as superior to issue-based or group-identity justice frameworks; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all policies, enforcement efforts, and publicly funded initiatives within the state shall uphold equal treatment under the law and reject any form of selective enforcement, unequal access, or unequal burdens based on ideological or discriminatory labels or group categories; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state and local governments shall conduct regular audits of current policies and practices to ensure compliance with the principle of equal justice, providing full transparency and accountability to the people of Idaho; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any deviation from the principles of equal justice under law shall be subject to rigorous review, and corrective actions will be taken to maintain fairness, impartiality, and respect for the rule of law.

Resolution 2025-51
Title: Equal Representation in Taxation

Submitted by: Cody Crandall

Passed By: Benewah County Republican Central Committee April 8, 2025

To be presented by: Mike Stoltey

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Constitution states in Article 1 Section 20: “No property qualifications shall ever be required for any person to vote or hold office except in school elections, or elections creating indebtedness, or in irrigation district elections, as to which last-named elections the legislature may restrict the voters to land owners.”; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Constitution states in Article 7 Section 5: “All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits”; and,

WHEREAS, landowners bear a unique and direct financial responsibility for property taxes levied by taxing districts, which are a primary funding source for such districts; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring that those most directly affected by property tax increases must have a decisive role in approving such measures aligns with principles of fiscal responsibility and accountability; and,

WHEREAS, limiting voting eligibility to landowners in taxing district elections promotes equal representation to those financially impacted by the tax; and,

WHEREAS, to make taxation uniform upon all the same class of the subjects, the voting rights to incur that tax should be uniform and Solely rest with the class of subjects incurring the taxes; and,

WHEREAS, property taxes unfairly burden land owners inalienable right to property mentioned in Article 1 Section 1 of the Idaho State Constitution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls on the Idaho State Legislature to establish the following:

1. Voting rights in elections concerning the incursion of debt to the property owners; establishment, continuation, or expansion of taxing districts or taxes shall be restricted to individuals who own property within the proposed or existing taxing district boundaries.

2. Definition of Property Owner: For the purposes of this resolution, a “Property Owner” is defined as an individual who holds title to real property, as evidenced by public records and is subject to property taxation within the taxing district.

3. Draft necessary legislative or regulatory measures to enforce this resolution, including verification processes for voter eligibility in taxing district elections.

Resolution 2025-52
Title: Party Integrity and Accountability

Submitted by: Chris Trakel

Passed By: District 11

To be presented by: Chris Trakel

WHEREAS, the activities of political parties enjoy significant protection under the First Amendment and are able to assert a freedom of association claim, arguing that they, not the government, have the right to decide who may join the organization or be excluded and how they conduct their internal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, *Tashijan v. Republican Party of Connecticut* (1986), *Eu v. San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee* (1989), and *California Democratic Party v. Jones* (2000) the Supreme Court of the United States, in these cases, state that the right to free association applied to political parties and they have the right to decide with whom to affiliate; and,

WHEREAS, in *Democratic Party of the United States v. Wisconsin ex rel. LaFollette* (1981) the Supreme Court reaffirmed the national political party and its members have a right of political association protected from state infringement by the 1st and 14th Amendment. The Supreme Court also noted that “the right of association includes the right to identify members and limit the association accordingly”; and,

WHEREAS, it is stated in the Idaho Republican Platform article XX: Idaho Republican Party Platform Enforcement, Section 1: The Idaho Republican Party is a private organization dedicated to the promotion of certain political ideals, primarily by supporting candidates who pledge to support the United States and Idaho Constitutions and the Idaho Republican Party Platform under Art. XIII of these rules. The support from this party is very beneficial to those who make such a pledge and once elected, keeping that pledge is paramount to the integrity of the party and the confidence of the voters who elected them; and,

WHEREAS, it is further stated in section 2: Without enforcement, the expressed principles of the Party are nothing more than ideals and philosophy. Republican legislators have, at times, defied their pledge and oath, voting on legislative matters substantially contrary to the Party’s expressed platform and constitutional principles. Republican Constitutional and county officers also have, at times, conducted their offices contrary to Republican and constitutional principles; and,

WHEREAS, it is further stated in section 3: The Idaho Republican State Central Committee, Legislative District Committees, and County Central Committees are hereby empowered to call into question the conduct of a Republican elected officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the expectations outlined in the precinct committeeman training given by the Idaho Republican Party, are thus adopted as the responsibilities and requirements to be fulfilled by Precinct Committeeman, and

County Central Committees may adopt a similar process described in Art. XX Section 3 to apply to the Precinct Committeeman,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Integrity in Affiliation shall be required to be signed to run as a candidate under the Republican Party in any partisan elections,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, before filing with the appropriate county or state elections office, the candidate must be approved at the equivalent level within the Republican party that is responsible for vacancy replacement of said office. A form created by the Idaho State Republican party, to ensure uniformity, will be required to be eligible to run as a candidate in the Republican Party,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as the Idaho Republican Party, Central Committees, and Legislative Districts are the authority of its platform and integrity, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee shall adopt a system of evaluation of state and legislative elected officials at the state level and Central Committees shall adopt a system of evaluation of county officials based solely on the Idaho State Republican Party Platform that is approved at that time, and signature of the Integrity in Party Affiliation to include any and all reservations that may be expressed; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee shall have a transparent and uniform process of becoming a candidate and holding office or an elected position within the Republican party.

Resolution 2025-53

Title: Reform of Idaho Judicial Nomination Process

Submitted by: Adams County Republican Central Committee

Passed By: Adams County Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

To be presented by: Keith Markley, Chair of Adams County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, we are witnessing extreme judicial activism in America; and,

WHEREAS, leftist ideology has infiltrated our institutions of higher education, including our law schools resulting in a liberal judiciary; and,

WHEREAS, we know an impartial judiciary committed to the rule of law according to our constitution is of vital importance to the maintenance of our constitutional republic; and,

WHEREAS, we the people must be the overseers of each branch of government; and,

WHEREAS, the current process of judicial selection is accomplished away from oversight and accountability of the people; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports reforming the way Idaho judges are being appointed by bringing the process closer to the people; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the legislature to change the makeup of the Idaho Judicial Council, as described in Idaho 1-2101, according to the following:

The Judicial Council shall be made up of nine (9) members; four (4) attorneys and five (5) non-attorneys. The Governor, with the approval of the Senate, shall appoint these on a rotating basis.

- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney member who is a currently serving or retired Idaho District Judge or Magistrate Judge from a list of three (3) qualified candidates selected and provided by the Idaho Supreme Court;
- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney from a list of three (3) qualified candidates chosen and provided by the Idaho State Bar;
- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney member from a list of three (3) qualified candidates selected and provided by the Idaho Sheriff's Association;
- The fourth attorney appointment by the Governor shall be the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court;
- There shall be five (5) non-attorney members which shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of fifteen (15) qualified candidates (three (3) for each vacancy) selected by the House Judiciary Committee. Qualified candidates shall be selected by the Houses Judiciary Committee from currently serving County Commissioners from across the state of Idaho. Not more than one (1) nominee from any county shall be appointed and the House Judiciary Committee shall

carefully consider wide ranging Statewide representation in its selections. All appointments by the governor shall require senate approval.