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The Honorable C. L. “Butch” Otter
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Otter,

I wish to extend to you our organization’s deep appreciation for your Executive Order No. 2018-02, “Restoring Choice in Health Insurance for Idahoans.”

I will be contacting President Trump in support of your efforts and will share this letter.

CCHF has long called on states to remember and act on their Tenth Amendment rights to establish health insurance policies that do not conform to the Affordable Care Act, and to provide Americans with the catastrophic (true) insurance prohibited by the ACA. We appreciate each “WHEREAS” in your EO, which like the Declaration of Independence lays out the case for freedom in black and white for all to see.

Your action means the people of Idaho will be free to do what all Americans should be free to do: buy an affordable health insurance policy, including major medical insurance (high deductible, low premium). And since Idaho has the least number of mandated benefits in the country (in 2009, Idaho had 13; Rhode Island had 70), your people may also be able to experience the nation’s lowest premiums once freed from the ACA.

With affordability in mind, CCHF launched The Wedge of Health Freedom (“The Wedge”). Every “Wedge practice” is third-party free (cash, check or charge), allowing them to avoid overhead costs associated with third party payers, including health plans and government. With the two listed in Idaho, we’ve got nearly 250 practices so far. More join our Map of Freedom each week, found online on the “Find a Practice” tab of The Wedge website. It’s free for doctors and free for patients—and beneficial for all Americans who want a doctor that works for them—affordably and confidentially. The Wedge will transform the entire health care system back to freedom and simplicity. For a one-page overview/diagrams: www.JointheWedge.com (FAQ)

We greatly appreciate your active engagement to protect the rights, choices and income of the people of Idaho. We sincerely hope more governors and legislators will follow your example. We wish you the best and leave you with one request: Don’t blink. If someone sues to try to close the escape hatch you’ve opened, please do not back down. Americans need the flag of freedom that’s flying in Idaho to fly strong and high.

All my best,

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