

**VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL**

Representative Ilana S. Rubel  
House of Representatives  
State of Idaho  
2750 E. Migratory Dr.  
Boise, ID 83706

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**Re: Copyright Assertion over Idaho Code**

Dear Representative Rubel,

Thank you for the invitation to gather information for you and your colleagues concerning the copyright status of state legal codes and the optimal copyright policy for Idaho's code, taking into account the twin objectives of insuring the public's access and the code's textual integrity. I'm happy to say that two third-year law students, Randi Schumacher and Jordan Stott, have agreed to work on this project under my supervision for academic credit beginning in January. Both Randi and Jordan are excellent students with a strong background in intellectual property law. We understand that you would like an initial briefing with a proposal for new legislation, if warranted, in mid-February. We also understand that you would like a final report and recommendation in mid-March. That is a workable timeline for us.

As you stated in your letter, the question of who owns the law and how citizens can access the law is fundamental to our democracy. The State's policy concerning access to and ownership of the Idaho Code should reflect the value we place on having an informed and law-abiding citizenry. We look forward to this project and to the opportunity to participate in this important civic conversation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mark Adams, Dean of the College of Law  
Randi Schumacher  
Jordan Stott