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September 12, 2025

To: Governor Little, Director Dustin Miller and The State Board of Land Commissioners
Idaho Department of Lands
300 N. 6th Street,
Suite 103
Boise, Idaho 83720

RE: Driggs-160 Public Lands Sale

Dear Governor Little, Director Dustin Miller and the State Board of Land Commissioners,

We, the Board of County Commissioners are wiring you in regards to the proposed sale of the endowment land located at 500 West in Teton, Idaho, commonly referred to as the Driggs 160.

We have intensely debated this issue, have had several public meetings with an abnormally large amount of interest and interaction and, additionally, received hundreds of emails where the public has voiced their opinion. We have taken every minute of the time allowed to us to consider these responses so that we might give you our best understanding of what our county desires.

We understand there is a current lease on the property that, if sold, will greatly impact the financial well-being of the family involved. Terminating this lease mid-stream is definitely not in their best interest and hundreds have spoken in opposition to the sale in their defense as well as to the loss of agricultural land available for public use in a highly agricultural county. Our Comprehensive plan (p1-8) states "We will strive to ... Maintain, nurture and enhance the rural character and heritage of Teton Valley". It's hard to picture a more striking depiction of this mandate than the Beard family ranching on this property.

At the same time we also understand the reasons endowment lands were introduced over 150 years ago. It does seem however, that the timing of the sale at this time is not in the best interest of County. We would receive little or no tax benefit to our tax rolls and the help to schools, youth and health care would be small and would not be realized during the next

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five years or not at all if the land were traded.

With the overwhelmingly strong opposition we have received from the public, we as the commissioners of Teton County and representing our constituents, have unitedly come to the decision they we respectfully request that the "Driggs 160" not be considered for sale at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

(Signature Page Follows)

Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Brad Wolfe (Chair)

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Dan Powers