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Mr. Williamson:

I would like to inform you of our decision to withdraw the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (DHW) sponsorship in the Boise Pride 2022 activities this weekend. This includes support from both Project Filter and the Idaho HIV, STD and Hepatitis Prevention and Care Program.

DHW serves all Idahoans, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. The department's mission is to help Idahoans live safe, independent, and healthy lives. Sponsoring events across the state is an opportunity for DHW programs to interact and provide public health education and services to diverse communities across Idaho. We have very much appreciated our relationship and partnership over the years with Boise Pride and are grateful for the opportunities to connect with LGBTQ+ individuals to help them lead healthy lives.

However, DHW's sponsorship of Boise Pride 2022 has led to some confusion about whether DHW endorses specific event activities involving minors during this event. To avoid any confusion regarding DHW's support of such activities, DHW is withdrawing both of its Orange Level sponsorships and Project Filter will no longer be supporting a booth at the event this weekend. We value our partnership and collaborations with the LGBTQ+ community and look forward to opportunities in the future to continue to help all Idahoans live safe, independent, and healthy lives.

Regards,

Dave Jeppesen, Director, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
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