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RE: Docket Number 58-0101-1803 – Crop Residue Burn Fee Payment Schedule

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the more than 78,000 member-families of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, I offer these comments in support of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) proposed change to the Crop Residue Burn (CRB) Fee Payment Schedule – Docket No. 58-0101-1083. For more than 75 years, the Idaho Farm Bureau has been recognized as the leading advocate for property rights and prosperity, which comes through the wise and responsible use of our natural resources. We thank the DEQ for this opportunity to provide our insight and perspective.

Our members utilize the state's CRB program and take interest whenever there are proposed changes to the its application, approval, fee and payment processes. We support the proposed change from a registration fee paid prior to the burn date, to a burn fee paid after the burn date when the annual burn fee invoice is received. This common-sense change will help the administration of the program, and eliminate the confusion regarding the registration fee and the actual burn approval process. Additionally, the change will ensure farmers are not paying for acres they did not burn.

On behalf of the entire membership at the Idaho Farm Bureau, I thank you for your consideration of these comments and we look forward to further involvement in this process. We again express our support of the proposed rule change. Please contact Braden Jensen at 208-342-2688 if you have any questions regarding this topic.

Sincerely,

Bryan Searle, President  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation