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Governor Brad Little  
Idaho State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Little,

I appreciate your quick attention to the recent news that offices of the Idaho Harm Reduction Project (IHRP), a community organization that operates in part with funding from the State of Idaho, was served a search warrant as part of an ongoing investigation into the distribution of drug paraphernalia.

I share your concerns about the agency's role in the alleged activities at the IHRP Boise and Caldwell offices, and I also appreciate your confidence in me to root out answers to the questions the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) has received from your office as well as numerous members of the Idaho Legislature.

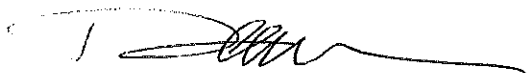
Under your direction, I am immediately taking the following actions:

1. I have asked for a listing of products and services DHW has funded through the syringe exchange program.
2. I have requested a review of our oversight of the syringe exchange program to ensure taxpayer funds were spent legally and with sufficient controls.
3. I have requested a review of all invoices of products and services provided to IHRP.
4. I will identify any and all DHW employees who may have approved or had knowledge of the alleged activities at the IHRP offices.
5. I have requested that all payments on invoices submitted by all syringe exchange programs be held pending a review of our processes and, once payments are resumed, payments to the IHRP must be approved by me as secondary approver.

6. I have confirmed staff are fully cooperating with the Boise and Caldwell Police Departments.

Governor, thank you for your support and desire to protect Idahoans from the harmful effects of drug use. We join with you in that effort. I will report back the findings of our internal review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Cameron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Cameron  
DHW Interim Director