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Mr. Ron J. Beitelspacher
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Dear Mr. Beitelspacher:

Thank you for the letter related to your attempts to pass a Pheasant Stamp Bill in the Idaho Legislature. I apologize for the delay in answering but have been unavailable for some time.

Since this particular bill has run into difficulties before, some of our members suggested that you might consider a pilot program to document whether it will work or not. A success story would surely help. However, if you decide to reintroduce the bill, the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society will support your efforts.

You are to be commended for your interest in Idaho's wildlife and its habitat. If the Wildlife Society can ever be of help in any way, please feel free to call on us.

Best regards and good luck.

Sincerely,

Lewis Nelson, Jr.
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April 12, 1982

Dear Sir:

Once again this year, I was involved in attempts to pass a Pheasant Stamp Bill in the Idaho Legislature. I believe the failure of this bill was mostly due to lack of communication and knowledge of the measure and its potential benefits--hence, a lack of adequate grass roots support from the local communities.

I think it is desirable for Ducks Unlimited, local Chambers of Commerce, the Idaho Wildlife Federation and others to work together to gain passage of this legislation. In the past, there has been a great deal of misunderstanding about what might be accomplished by this legislation and what it could really do to improve pheasant hunting through habitat expansion as well as improve landowner-sportsmen relations.

The enclosure accompanying this letter deals with a typical program to illustrate what might actually be accomplished. I feel strongly about the need for this legislation. Please feel free to contact me about this program or, if you prefer, contact Al Kiler, President, Idaho Bird Hunters, Inc., 1910 Amber, Boise, Idaho 83706 (phone [208] 376-3109).

If you agree this program is beneficial, please work with me and the Idaho Wildlife Federation in support of such legislation this coming year. One important thing you could do is gain support from your local Chamber of Commerce by explaining the pheasant stamp and urging their involvement. Another thing you should do is make your local Legislators aware of your feelings and get their support for this bill.

Again, please feel free to contact me by phone or correspondence, and I'll do my best to provide you with particulars; but remember it will take your assistance to make the Pheasant Stamp Bill fly next session. By working together, we can be successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron J. Beitelspacher".

Ron J. Beitelspacher
Assistant Minority Leader

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Enclosure