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STATE OF IDAHO**Jake Ellis****Office:** Idaho House of Representatives, Seat 15B**Website:** EllisForIdaho.com**Facebook:** Facebook.com/EllisForDistrict15**Email:** EllisForIdaho@gmail.com**Twitter:** @EllisForIdaho**ABOUT JAKE**

I'm a fourth-generation Idahoan, born in Pocatello to a police officer and a teacher. I fought wild land fires while attending Idaho State University, and later received my degree in Communication at Boise State.

In 1988, I came to Boise to accept a position with the Boise Fire Department and stayed on the job for 27 years, promoting through the ranks to Battalion Chief. I retired from the Department in 2014, and have since found time to engage further with family members, providing care for a disabled sister and several elderly relatives.

QUALIFICATIONS

Public service is a way of life for me.

I earned my communications degree at Boise State, and later honed my skills as a community leader through courses at the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Training program.

In 1992, I was named Firefighter of the Year for my work to defeat the One Percent Initiative, which would have severely reduced cities' and counties' ability to provide emergency services.

I've learned a great deal about our legislature and laws through my decades advocating for firefighters, both at the statehouse – as a volunteer lobbyist working for firefighters, both at the statehouse as a volunteer lobbyist working for treatment of job-related illnesses – and in the workplace, where I coordinated efforts to enact pregnancy policies for female firefighters and prevent sexual harassment.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS

My role is to ensure that you, your children and grandchildren have the opportunity to prosper - in Idaho.

I have three priorities: investing in strong public schools, creating opportunities for hard-working people, and keeping public lands public.

We want to be confident that kids will be ready for education or training after high school. Businesses need well-trained workers to create good jobs-in Idaho.

Today, too many communities throughout the state rely on property tax levies to keep their schools intact. The cost of higher education outpaces our ability to pay for it, and qualified college graduates continue leaving the state to seek work suited to their credentials.

Meanwhile, the politicians calling the shots chase the idea of taking over federal lands - a proposal Idaho can't afford unless we sell those lands to the highest bidder.

We need to make a world-class K-12 education and affordable access to higher education a reality. It's critical that our state eases the burden on local property taxpayers by properly funding public education, and working within our means to keep tuition hikes in check.

I've spent decades protecting people and property in Boise. Now, I'm looking to continue that work in our state Legislature. I am ready to earn your support for Seat 15B.