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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Office of the Governor
State of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Deal,

Greetings from the great State of Idaho! As you know, the Boise State Broncos will be traveling to your state for the Chick-fil-A Bowl to compete against the Georgia Bulldogs. We are looking forward to these two great universities competing against each other in a game that will be viewed by a national audience. Unfortunately, the First Lady and I will not be able to attend the game in person but we will be cheering on our team from home.

It goes without saying that I fully expect the Broncos to win the competition on the field, but another contest will take place that day that will determine which of our states has the best tailgating barbecue. In the spirit of collegiate competition, I challenge Georgia to a barbecue throw down!

MickeyRay's Roadhouse BBQ from Idaho will cook off against Fox Bros. BBQ from Georgia in the Fan Zone. I would like to make a Governor-to-Governor bet, that Idaho's barbecue will win the vote of the game attendees as the better barbecue.

I think it would be appropriate for us to put two very important items from our states on the table – potatoes and peaches! When Idaho wins the blind taste test, you can send me a box of delicious Georgia peaches and in the highly unlikely event Georgia wins, I will send you a box of the best potatoes grown in the United States. Of course, it goes without saying that I fully expect the Broncos to win the contest on the field.

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are as excited as I am about the upcoming game. If you accept my bet please call my assistant, Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, at (208) 334-2100.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Butch".
C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

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