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Dear Sir:

My wife and I have recently moved to Fruitland from Utah where we had lived for the past 15 years. Prior to that I was the owner of a consulting engineering firm for 16 years in Phoenix, Arizona.

So believing that our retirement years would be the of bliss and tranquility in Fruitland, we find ourselves amidst the huge concern for the invasion of an oil/gas conglomerate which could very well threaten our peace and that of our grandchildren .

While we certainly understand the issues involved in the State of Idaho regarding economic health and viability, we ask that you and the legislature of this great state consider the protection of those same issues when it comes to the economic health and viability for the lives of its citizens, not only in Payette Country, but also throughout the entire state. As the saying goes: Once the camel's nose is in the tent so comes the whole animal.

The geohydrological concerns from the mining of oil and gas operations are apparent from the evidence now showing up in the aquifers of the central region of Texas through their depletion of future water reserves and replenishment for vast swaths of the land. And as is the case in most below ground explorations, proper and fully disclosed investigations fall far short of too little knowledge of those underground anomalies, the consequences of sinking land, diminished structural integrity of existing homes, and consequential loss of property values. This is certainly not the full ramifications of too poor an understanding of just what is unseen by the conglomerate businesses. Know as well that one's health issues in many, if not most, instances do not occur until well after the damage to the longevity for those grandchildren, the state's future economic resources, could be severely impinged upon. Note, again, the consequences of nuclear fallout done to residents because of Nevada's testing of radiation in the 1950s.

Last but not least, we read from the Idaho Statesman's article of January 13, 2020, of the changing ownership, bankruptcy, new and unheard-of investors that now form this new conglomerate. Our point here is that whatever the Idaho Department of Lands and statewide legislators do, they must be certain of the far-reaching consequences of what would be done "today," and those ramifications regarding unforeseen consequences "tomorrow." It means careful regulations and thorough transparency.

Your consideration in this important matter will become a legacy for which you can all be proud, and for which the citizens of this great state will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Ed & Cheryl Adair