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Comment: I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank Commissioners Eberlein and Bingham for their recent action on building codes. It takes a great deal of intelligence, courage, fortitude and vision to challenge the bureaucracy of government overreach and the status quo. We have homes and structures in this great state that have stood for over 150 years WITHOUT the interference, overreach, nannyism and special interest racket of building codes. The Cataldo Mission is the oldest standing building in Idaho. It was built in 1850 WITHOUT the so called "benefit" of building codes.

I have been a builder for over 40 years. I have built homes in three different states, including California. I have watched in disgust as the cost of construction has spiraled out of control, adding thousands of dollars to the price of a new home because of ridiculous building codes. It's no wonder that so many young people are unable to afford homes. Building codes do not make quality construction anymore than drivers license's make good drivers or hunting licenses make successful hunters. The codes are nothing more than more government intrusion into individual freedoms and personal responsibility. Tens of thousands of counties and cities in this great country were built without codes and made America great! Today, thousands still build and grow without the interference of codes. I know, because I have built in them.

Idaho is suppose to be one of the last bastions of liberty, freedom and conservatism in America. Yet so many so called "Republicans" behave no different than the big government Democrats! Well, "We, The People" are tired of the RINO lies and deceit. And we are pushing back! Thank you Commissioners Eberlein and Bingham for being TRUE conservatives! We will remember that at election time. And to you Commissioner Fillios....may I respectfully suggest you reconsider your position on this subject. I realize you moved to Idaho from one of the most liberal and freedom robbing states in the union, New York. But I would hope you came here to spurn "big government" not climb into bed with it. You are entitled to your opinion sir, and so are the voters at your next election!