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### **Statement from Asst. Majority Leader Monks on House Bill 135**

“I would like to thank my colleagues in the House Majority Caucus for their overwhelming support for House Bill 135 today. This legislation is vitally important to protecting the rights of all Idahoans,” said Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Jason Monks, who sponsored H135. “This legislation would ensure that all Idahoans are considered essential because they are. Rights guaranteed to Idahoans by the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the state of Idaho are definitively protected in this legislation. This legislation would not eliminate the Governor's ability to declare an emergency, would not endanger federal funds stemming from the emergency disaster declaration, and would not slow the emergency response to COVID-19 or the vaccine rollout. In fact, previous disaster events like floods and fires, would continue to be managed as they have been successfully for years. I look forward to seeing this bill pass the Senate and delivering it to the Governor’s desk.”

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