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Dear Food Establishment Operator:

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Food Protection Program is aware of a recent mailing campaign targeted at regional food establishments advertising handwashing posters available for purchase. These letters encourage food establishment operators to purchase handwashing posters printed in English and/or Spanish.

The letters might give the impression that they have been sent on behalf of the State of Idaho Food Protection Program. However, the State of Idaho Food Protection Program does not endorse any one handwashing poster or sign.

Please note that appropriate signage for handwashing sinks is available, free of charge, by contacting the local District Health Department or the Food Protection Program. A food establishment should not feel compelled to purchase the posters advertised in the letters.

For more information, please contact the Idaho Food Protection Program at (208) 334-5938.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick L. Guzzle" with a stylized flourish at the end. The year "08" is written at the bottom right of the signature.

Patrick L. Guzzle