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Dear Friends of the McClure Center,

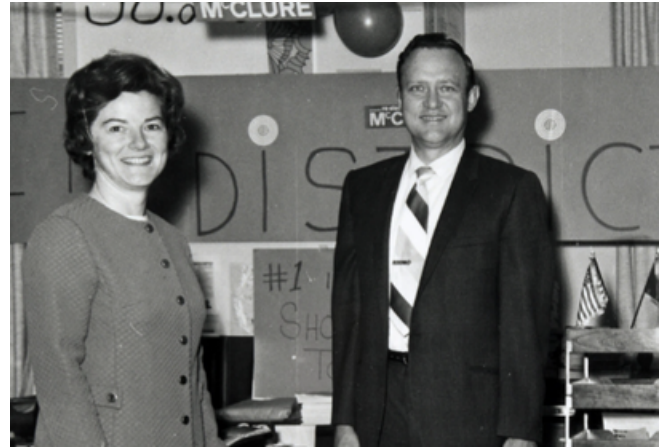
This year we celebrate what would have been Senator Jim McClure's 100th birthday. Jim was born on December 27, 1924, in Payette, Idaho. He went on to have a decades long political career, working for Idahoans while upholding the values of sensibility, respect, and evidence-based decision making.

Jim and Louise McClure made a distinct impact on public policy in Idaho and at national and international levels by cultivating strong relationships, pursuing and promoting bipartisan collaborations, relying on evidence, and valuing public service.

The University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research is dedicated to advancing Jim and Louise's legacy by addressing critical policy issues in Idaho and the surrounding region.



*Senator McClure, Hearing on Energy Imports, March 13, 1980*



*Louise and Jim, U.S. House Re-election, 1970*

Over the past 15 years, the McClure Center has fostered public discourse on policy making, published independent, evidence-based research, and engaged students in learning about public policy.

The McClure Center upholds a mission of neutrality and integrity, taking a collaborative approach to tackle complex issues. Our work has helped policy makers learn about Idaho and stay informed.

We invite you to read our new strategic plan, which describes the McClure legacy and the McClure Center's five impact areas.

The new strategic plan is available on the McClure Center's website:  
[www.uidaho.edu/mcclurecenter](http://www.uidaho.edu/mcclurecenter)



*Front Cover, McClure Center Strategic Plan*

# IMPACT AREAS



## **Evidence-Based Research**

We are growing the breadth and depth of research to inform public policy through new publications.

- 2024 Report and *Idaho at a Glance: Unauthorized Immigrant Workforce and Idaho's Economy*
- 2024 *Idaho at a Glance: Refugees in Idaho*
- In Progress: *Idaho at a Glance: Population Change in Idaho*



## **Collaborative Governance**

We are supporting collaborations that are addressing pressing challenges through durable solutions.

- Wilson Creek Coalition



## **Public Engagement**

We are sharing evidence-based information with diverse audiences through events at the Capitol, Policy Pubs, and presentations to businesses, governments, and community groups.

- 2024 Idaho's Minerals and the Energy Future at the Egyptian Theatre
- 2024 Policy Pub: Waste
- 2025 Hells Canyon National Recreation Area at 50 with the Andrus Center



## **Science Policy**

We are leading the Idaho Science & Technology Policy Fellowship (ISTPF), a partnership among Idaho's research universities.

- Welcomed 3 fellows, who are spending their year with the Legislative Services Office, Idaho Department of Labor, and Workforce Development Council
- Engaged 100+ people in science policy trainings



## **Applied High-Level Learning Experiences for Students**

We are engaging and supporting students in learning about public policy.

- Awarded first Vandals in D.C. Scholarship
- Expanded Boise undergraduate offerings connected to the Idaho Legislature
- Welcomed 2 legal externs
- 100+ students to date

Looking to 2025, the McClure Center will further our mission and impact in Idaho and beyond. We will continue to grow capabilities in economic analysis, welcome a new colleague who will lead a major minerals initiative that connects Idaho's minerals with supply chains and national security, and expand events and trainings.

Wishing you and yours a warm holiday season and bright new year,

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