

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

The Honorable Adam Telle
Asst. Secretary of the Army, Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Director Vought and Assistant Secretary Telle,

We write to express strong support for the inclusion of upgrades to the City of Burley, Idaho's Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Although temporary measures completed by the City in 2024 have played an important role in maintaining current capacity, permanent fixtures remain critical to ensuring the physical and economic security of the surrounding community, including agricultural manufacturing businesses reliant on the plant.

Burley's Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant enables approximately \$54.43 million in annual revenues for the local economy and supports over 550 full-time jobs. The plant is essential to the economic vitality of the region, providing critical services to the fields of agriculture and manufacturing. Unfortunately, wear and tear to the plant and capacity limitations have resulted in approximately \$1 billion in unrealized business investment in the region and could lead to the dissolution of existing agricultural manufacturing in and around Burley.

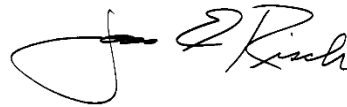
Congress recently provided authorization for USACE to partner with the City of Burley on upgrades to the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant. The 2024 Water Resources and Development Act, signed into law on January 4, 2025, includes the following authorization under USACE's Section 219 authorities: *"BURLEY, IDAHO. - \$20,000,000 for water and wastewater infrastructure, including water treatment, in the city of Burley, Idaho."* Funding through USACE's Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan will be essential to moving forward with a feasibility study and implementation activities under this authorization.

We emphasize our strong support for the inclusion of this project in the USACE FY2026 work plan, to strengthen the agricultural output of the Burley, Idaho area and protect the local economy. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Mike Simpson
Member of Congress

Handwritten signature of James E. Risch in black ink.

James E. Risch
United States Senator

Handwritten signature of Mike Crapo in blue ink.

Mike Crapo
United States Senator