

# The SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

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The Honorable Mike Simpson  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of the Fort Hall Business Council, the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, I am writing to respectfully request your support for the Tribes' Community Project Funding Request for the "Old Housing Sewer Trunkline and Lateral Replacement Project."

This wastewater infrastructure project will replace deteriorating sewer lines servicing the "Old Housing" neighborhood of Fort Hall. The section to be replaced includes 77 connections serving 76 residential buildings and the Fort Hall Housing Authority. Designed and built over 35 years ago, this critical infrastructure needs significant repair and replacement. Inspections have revealed broken pipe segments that are likely leaking wastewater risking groundwater contamination. Additionally, root intrusion and partial collapses cause clogs that increase the risk of sewer backups.

This project is critical to help the Tribes maintain a safe and effective wastewater system for our Tribal members now and into the future. Without replacement soon, the deteriorating concrete and vitrified clay pipes could fail, resulting in catastrophic effects.

Thank you for your stalwart efforts on behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Donna Thompson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, light-colored background.

Donna Thompson  
Chairwoman  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes