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To Congressman Mike Simpson,

I am writing to you today to express my support for the Bingham County Sheriff's Office application for grant funding to purchase mobile vehicle radios and handheld radios.

Nothing is more important for law enforcement than the ability to communicate effectively, efficiently, and reliably. Communication is literally a life-or-death matter in many of the emergencies they respond to. The Bingham County Sheriff's Office is currently working to update outdated units in their office, but they still operate with some units which are over 10 years old.

As you are aware budgetary restrictions are often the reason needed updates are not made even though they are important. This grant would allow the Sheriff's office the ability to bring their radios up to date with modern standards and improve their ability to serve the citizens of Bingham County. It will also enable them to be more effect and safe in their roles as they respond to emergencies.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact my office.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan W. Jolley", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan W. Jolley

# BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Congressman Mike Simpson:

On behalf of Bingham County, the Board of County Commissioners is pleased to offer this letter of strong support for the Bingham County Sheriff's Office in its application for grant funding to purchase mobile radios and handheld radios.

Reliable and interoperable communication systems are essential to effective public safety operations. Deputies and emergency responders rely on clear, dependable radio communications to coordinate responses, ensure officer safety, and provide timely assistance to the public. The purchase of mobile and handheld radios will enhance daily law enforcement operations, improve communication in rural and remote areas of our county, and strengthen interoperability with partnering agencies during multijurisdictional incidents.

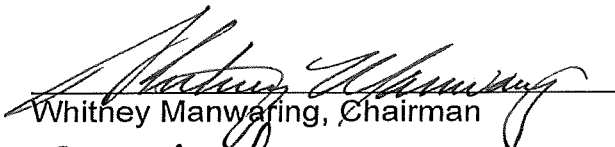
Upgrading and expanding our radio capabilities will directly improve response times, situational awareness, and coordination during critical incidents, natural disasters, and routine calls for service.

The Board has witnessed the Sheriff's Office attempting to replace outdated units by cycling new units in but there are still several that are over 10 years old or more that are still being utilized due to budgeting constraints.

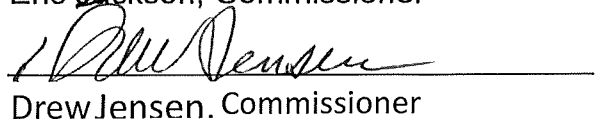
Bingham County fully supports the Sheriff's Office in pursuing this funding opportunity and is committed to ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of this investment. The acquisition of these radios will significantly enhance public safety services for our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

  
Eric Jackson, Commissioner

  
Drew Jensen, Commissioner

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