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March 11, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$525,000 in funding for the Black Mountain P25 Repeater Site project in Fiscal Year 2027. The intended recipient is the Caribou County Sheriff's Office, located at 475 E 2nd S, Soda Springs, Idaho 83276. This funding would be used to add a 700 MHz P25 trunking repeater system to the already existing Black Mountain Site. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as this repeater will provide communication abilities for first responders across approximately 1400 square miles, currently operating with little to no coverage.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress