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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,547,000 of funding for the construction of a helipad and 4-unit ambulance bay for a new Family Health Services (FHS) location at the corner of S. Beverly St. and State Highway 24 in Shoshone, Idaho 83352 in the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The entity to receive funding is Family Health Services Corporation located at 794 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The funding will be used for an emergency services infrastructure project that includes a helipad and a 4-unit ambulance bay attached to the new Community Health Center being constructed in rural Shoshone, Idaho – home to over 5,300 residents. This comprehensive emergency services infrastructure project will provide access to crucial emergency medical transport into and out of the rural community to generate favorable health outcomes.

FHS is constructing a new Community Health Center in Shoshone, Idaho on land leased from Lincoln County to meet primary health care needs in a very rural part of Idaho serving as a conduit to the popular Sun Valley area. Emergencies occur often, ranging from vehicle accidents to agricultural-related injuries. The rural location limits quick response/transport in medical emergencies – with the nearest hospitals/ERs respectively 20 and 32 minutes away. The request for \$1,547,000 will fund the construction of a helipad and a 4-unit ambulance bay attached to the new clinic that will be operated by County EMS services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will create a robust health services network capable of expediting access to emergency care. The combined helipad and ambulance bay will yield

more positive health outcomes and reduce health disparities often inherent in rural communities lacking comprehensive, high-quality emergency response infrastructure.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Simpson".

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress
April 27, 2022