

Congressman Simpson:

Please accept this letter in support of a new College of Southern Idaho facility in Jerome as a part of the Community Project Funding process. As a new member of the Jerome community, True West Beef is keenly aware of the critical role that CSI plays in economic development, workforce education, and in enhancing the quality of life of the residents of the Magic Valley.

An expanded physical presence for CSI in Jerome would provide multiple benefits to the community including an increased ability to serve the rural educational needs of Jerome residents and the opportunity to add to Jerome's identity as an agriculture and food manufacturing hub. All of Jerome's food processing industries, including True West Beef, rely on an educated and motivated workforce, and the proposed facility would only enhance that workforce, while also providing a boost to downtown Jerome's revitalization efforts.

For all of these reasons, I am pleased to encourage you and your colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to consider funding the construction of an expanded College of Southern Idaho facility in Jerome though the Community Project Funding process.

Sincerely,

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