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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger, Chair  
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-308 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$2,875,000 in funding for the Industrial Cybersecurity Research Laboratory in Idaho Falls in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Idaho State University located at 921 S 8th Ave, Pocatello, ID 83209.

The funding would be used to establish and equip a shared industrial cybersecurity research laboratory with five sector-specific cyber-informed engineering research stations, 20 industrial control system component kits, four hardware design and analysis stations, classroom equipment, and private cloud computing to facilitate simulations within and to provide remote access to the laboratory. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides students at multiple Idaho universities the opportunity to research and learn cybersecurity and cyber-informed engineering skills in a simulated environment realistic to the critical infrastructure and industrial systems on which Idaho and the nation depend.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code. 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" followed by a small "M.C." to the right.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress