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December 19, 2023

The Honorable Mike Simpson U.S. House of Representatives 2084 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I support federal funds being allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley-Jerome Expansion Project. Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs that encourage leadership, education, and personal development, all while providing a safe environment for our kids during non-school hours.

Boys & Girls Clubs also have demonstrated positive results in improving children's academics and helping them avoid risky behaviors. Providing much needed funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley-Jerome Expansion Project would be a tremendous resource for the Magic Valley community.

Sincerely,

Brad Little Governor of Idaho



March 15, 2024

Congressman Simpson 802 W. Bannock St. #600 Boise, ID 83702

Dear Congressman Simpson.

Please accept this letter of support from the Jerome City Council and me for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley (Club)- Jerome Expansion Project. We believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. The Club recently targeted expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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The City of Jerome has a proposed building site for a 20,000 square-foot (with gymnasium) Boys & Girls Club facility. The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency is ready to assist with this project. Club leadership has met with many businesses to understand their employees' needs and how they can collaborate with them. Many Jerome businesses such as St. Luke's, Idaho Milk Products, AgroPur, Con Paulos, and Si Ellen Dairies have pledged their support and provided resources. We feel this project represents a great opportunity to bring a Boys & Girls Club to Jerome along with all of the beneficial programs the organization provides. Your monetary support through federal funds would change the landscape of the Jerome community by providing youth services that will improve lives for generations to come.

Respectfully,

David M. Davis, Mayor

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JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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March 15, 2024

Congressman Simpson 802 W. Bannock St. #600 Boise, ID 83702

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Respectfully,

A. Ben Crouch, Chairman

Jerome County Commissioner



802 W. Bannock ST. 600 Boise, ID 83702

December 14, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of the South Central Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc. please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley for over 20 years and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Atentamente, Alex Castañeda, President and CEO



December 11, 2023

Congressman Mike Simpson U.S. House of Representatives 2084 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Simpson:

On behalf of the College of Southern Idaho, please accept this letter of support for the allocation of federal funds to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley's Jerome Expansion Project. I have been an observer and supporter of the Boys and Girls Club since 2020, and its presence in the Magic Valley enriches the quality of life. Its mission is one that I heartily support. As you know, the College serves the entire Magic Valley, and the work done by the Boys and Girls Club aligns with the College's mission to serve and enrich the communities within our region.

The Boys and Girls Clubs opened an expansion project in Jerome in Fall 2022 at Summit Elementary School. Quickly, a wait list began to occur – demonstrating the vital need for such services in Jerome. As you likely know, there are little/no after-school services in Jerome. The Boys and Girls Clubs in Jerome, operating at public school district sites, continue to have wait lists. There is a critical need for non-school hour services. The Boys and Girls Club functions as a youth development organization, and the continuing wait lists demonstrate the criticality of the need.

The Clubs' programs address character and leadership, while including education and development for health and life skills, the arts, sports, and recreation. The Clubs provide a safe environment during non-school hours. Its focus is helping the young people of the Valley succeed through curriculum targeted programs and high impact practices designed to help young people and the Clubs meet their goals. The quality of the programs is well-known and are aligned with outcomes-focused programs measured against the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's National Youth Outcome Indicator which uses common and credible indicators (e.g., school attendance, reading and math proficiency, on-time grade progression, and avoidance of risky behaviors).

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley are actively working with multiple businesses, the College, and the City of Jerome to establish a facility. This project represents an exemplary opportunity to bring a vibrant and thriving Boys and Girls Club to Jerome in a permanent building — building on their initial successful but temporary arrangements. I encourage your advocacy for the allocation of federal funds to support this effort.

Best,

Dr. L. Dean Fisher

President



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December 12, 2023

Congressman Mike Simpson 802 W. Bannock Suite 600 Boise, ID 83702

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley - Jerome Expansion Project.

I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley as a member of the board of directors for more than a decade and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. I have witnessed firsthand the transformational impact the club has had on numerous children and families in our community. It is truly impressive! We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

Darren J. Kyle

McDonald's Franchise Owner



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December 11, 2023

Congressman Mike Simpson Idaho's Second District 802 W. Bannock St, Suite 600 Boise, ID 83702

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Please accept this letter of support for federal funds to be allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley for their Jerome Expansion Project. We have several business leaders who have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley for many years and they are passionate about their mission to help kids and families. Our valley has recently focused on expansion into rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours and Jerome, Idaho is one of those communities with a dire need.

Boys & Girls Clubs have proven their results in helping develop our youth with academic and social-emotional skills benefits and can demonstrate that youth who participate in Club programs do better than their peers in multiple arenas.

Jerome has proposed three potential building sites for a Boys & Girls Club facility. Club leadership has met with many businesses to understand their employees' needs and how to collaborate. Many Jerome businesses, such as St. Luke's, Idaho Milk Products, AgroPur, Con Paulos Chevrolet and Si Ellen Dairies have pledged their support and provided resources. We feel that this project represents a great opportunity to bring a Boys & Girls Club to Jerome, along with all of the beneficial programs the organization provides. Your monetary support through federal funds would change the landscape of the Jerome Community, providing services for youth that will improve lives for generations to come and support our area's economy and families.

Sincerely.

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The Honorable Mike Simpson 630 Addison Avenue West #1700 Twin Falls, ID 83301

December 14, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Please accept this letter of support for the allocation of federal funds to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley and the ambitious plans for the Jerome Expansion Project. As a business in Jerome, part of our purpose is to be a source of good in our community as well as supporting the needs of the people who make our business and industry possible both directly and indirectly. We believe wholeheartedly in the mission of the Boys & Girls Club and the desire to help kids and families. A recent initiative of the organization has been to target Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities and Idaho Milk Products has committed to an annual contribution of \$50,000 to help support the development of Club services.

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The City of Jerome has proposed three potential building sites for a site for a 17,000 square foot (with gymnasium) Boys & Girls Club facility. We feel that this project represents a great opportunity to bring a Boys and Girls Club to Jerome, along with all of the beneficial programs the organization provides. Your support for federal funds could help change the landscape of the Jerome community, providing services for youth that will improve lives for generations to come. Please offer all the support you can for this project and help address the critical gaps in the Jerome community. Please also let me know if I can provide additional information on why this project is so important for Idaho Milk Products.

Yours sincerely,

Daragh Maccabee

CEO



December 14, 2023

802 W. Bannock ST. 600 Boise, ID 83702

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of St. Luke's Health System, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. St. Luke's has been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley since 2006 and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Clek, ve External Relations St. Luke's Health Sytem

> Community Health St. Luke's Magic Valley 801 Pole Line Road West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

Better Health, Better Lives

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November 17th, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am writing to you because I support the federal funds allocation to the Boys and Girls Club of Jerome.

This expansion of services in Jerome Idaho will be most helpful in serving the families and especially the Youth of this Magic Valley area.

The Club has seen massive growth since it started operations at Summit Elementary School in 2022. The Need is great in Jerome.

I serve on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley and know that our Clubs contribute to services for youth that include leadership, education and development. The Clubs also train life skills and sports and recreation.

The City of Jerome has proposed three potential building sites for a 17,000 square foot Club. This will be a game changer for our area, especially for the youth and families of Jerome County. I know that the businesses of our area are supportive and that the Club will be a welcome addition to our area.

Please help in securing the funds necessary to aid us in attaining our goal of building a new facility in Jerome, Idaho.

Sincerely, mulaul 3. In Bird

Michael G McBride

Board Member, Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley

Jerome Community Schools

Congressman Simpson 802 W. Bannock St. #600 Boise, ID 83702

November 20, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of <u>Jerome Community Schools</u>, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley (Club)- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley since 2013 and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

Rylie Zucker



Congressman Simpson 802 W. Bannock St. #600 Boise, ID 83702

November 20, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of Jerome Recreation District, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley (Club)- Jerome Expansion Project. I believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. Their programs supplement and enhance opportunities for kids and families that we are not able to provide through our organization. We have recently targeted club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

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Roderick Doig 2046 Hillcrest Drive Twin Falls, Id 83301 208-420-0690

802 W. Bannock ST. 600 Boise, ID 83702

November 17, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of Roderick Doig, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley since 2009 and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely, Roderick Doig

Your letterhead Here

802 W. Bannock ST, 600 Boise, ID 83702

November 8, 2023



Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley for 10+ years and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Board Member



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Rep. Mike Simpson 802 W. Bannock ST. 600 Boise, ID 83702

November 11, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

Please accept this letter of support for federal funds to be allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley since the year 2000 and served on the Board of Directors for about twenty years, two years as president, then became the first Board Emeritus member about three years ago. I still chair the Endowment Committee and my family-owned businesses raise substantial funds to help the Boys & Girls Clubs each year. My main goal when I joined this organization was to create a board that could apply practical business decisions to help as many kids as possible in our community. On that count we have been successful and keep expanding to help more kids every year. But the needs are always greater than the resources available. I know there are lots of good causes competing for the limited funds available. Many causes are to help people who have fallen on hard times along the way. I am a big believer in prevention at an early age so we can raise productive solid citizens and help them to avoid the pitfalls as much as possible. The best investment in my opinion is to help the kids by providing the guidance and mentoring at a young age with after school programs where kids are safe and receiving help on homework, organized-activities and the guidance of great mentors. It works and as I have watched these kids grow up and become successful citizens, I know every dollar spent has been invested wisely. So many young people are latch-key kids with little or no supervision for several hours after school. I would rather see the kids have supervision from dedicated mentors than from the drug dealer down the street. I believe wholeheartedly in the Boys and Girls Clubs mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

Daniel L. Willie, President
Travelers Oasis Truck Plaza (Home of the Garden Eden)
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Red Hawk Gastropub/Canyon Crest Event Center
Kickback Rewards Systems



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November 8, 2023

Dear Congressman Simpson,

On behalf of Jerome 20/20, Inc., Economic Development Organization, please accept this letter of support for federal funds allocated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley- Jerome Expansion Project. I have been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley since late spring 2022 and believe wholeheartedly in their mission and desire to help kids and families. We have recently targeted Club expansion to rural communities and those that have little to no services for children during non-school hours. Jerome is one of those communities.

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Sincerely,

Larry D. Hall

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Sincerely,

Jeff Frost

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Scott Plew



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November 10, 2023

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