



SCOTT BEDKE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am writing to add my voice to those who are strongly supporting the U of I's 2025 project funding request, which seeks \$6,000,000 from the USDA's Buildings and Facilities account to build a flexible manure handling system at its Rupert CAFE site.

This facility will help the University adopt the latest technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote responsible environmental policies. Their proposed flexible manure handling system is a major component of their efforts to identify best practices for efficient water use, reduced air emissions, and improved soil health in the Magic Valley.

Progress in all these key areas can only benefit Idaho's agricultural sector, which is a major factor in our state's overall economy. As you no doubt know, agriculture is responsible for one in every eight Idaho jobs and accounts for over \$20 billion in annual sales.

You have been a stalwart supporter of Idaho's dairy industry and I know you will support this latest funding request from the University of Idaho. I am pleased to express my strong support for this project because I know it will provide innovative leadership in addressing environmental concerns and advancing best agricultural practices.

Thank you for your service to our great state and thank you for supporting this funding request from the University of Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Bedke".

Scott Bedke  
Lieutenant Governor