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May 02, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman  
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$892,000 in funding for the Upper Snake River Radio System Repair project in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office, located at 605 N Capital Ave, Idaho Falls, ID, 83402. This funding would be used to upgrade 20 base station repeaters which make up part of the Upper Snake River Valley 700MHz radio system based in Bonneville County that are the end of their useful life. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as these repeaters form a critical piece of the communication system used by first responders in five counties in southeastern Idaho.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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 the initials "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress