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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 \$4 million in funding for the Idaho Accelerator Center Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is Idaho State University, located at 1500 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello, ID, 83201. This funding would be used to upgrade the Center including modifications to shielding, new hot cells for safety and construction of a larger particle accelerator within the facility. This new equipment will enable isotope research at a very detailed and precise level. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the Idaho Accelerator Center plays a key role in supporting Department of Energy and national laboratory research objectives including those relating to nuclear materials, reactor materials, and medical isotopes, and this funding would build of the Center's ability to do so.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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