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May 23rd, 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 am requesting \$12,000,000 for a community project funding request entitled Idaho Falls Regional Airport Terminal Expansion in the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

The intended recipient is the Idaho Falls Regional Airport (IDA). The applicant is located at 2140 N Skyline Dr, Idaho Falls, ID, 83402.

Funding would be used for phase 1 of IDA's terminal expansion. Phase 1 of this project will include expansions to the baggage operations, ticket queueing and counter space, and second level passenger hold area sections of the airport. This phase will also provide alterations to existing space to allow for the future expansion of the security screening checkpoint which is the next constrained space in the terminal building. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow IDA to keep up with the Idaho Falls region's consistent growth in recent years. IDA is the closest airport to the Idaho National Lab, a leading nuclear energy and homeland security federal installation, as well as a convenient airport for people across the country to fly into for a short trip to national parks and other outdoor recreation activities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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, appearing to read "Mike Simpson".

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress