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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 \$9,367,572.74 for a community project funding request entitled Soda Springs US-30 Reconstruction in the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

The intended recipient is the Idaho Department of Transportation. The applicant is located at 5151 S 5th Ave, Pocatello, ID, 83204.

Funding will be used to reconstruct the base and surface pavement of US-30 which is showing deterioration as it runs through the town of Soda Springs, Idaho. The project will overlay thin spots, widen the road to accommodate a center lane and will replace old and failing water pipe connectors during construction that are located within the roadway section. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will perform needed infrastructure improvements such as replacing the water pipe connectors and address a significant safety concern leading from a left turn lane into a county building site by adding a center lane. This project is a priority in the state of Idaho, as evidenced by its inclusion on the state's most recent State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 23 USC 133.

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