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May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 \$6,409,075 for a community project funding request entitled Stephensen Elementary School Build in the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

The intended recipient is Mountain Home School District #193. The applicant is located at 470 N 3<sup>rd</sup> E, Mountain Home, ID, 83647.

Funding would be used to construct a new elementary school on Mountain Home Air Force Base. The current elementary school has several structural issues. The Department of Defense has rated it as a school in need of replacement. Virtually every system in the school would need to be replaced to bring it up to current standards. The new elementary school will be larger than the existing complex so that the school may house students in kindergarten through 6th grade on the military installation. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps support the mission of Mountain Home AFB by providing adequate childcare and educational facilities for the families of service members.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5035(a)(2).

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", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress