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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 \$3,853,430 for a community project funding request entitled University of Idaho Water Center in the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

The intended recipient is the University of Idaho. The applicant is located at 322 E. Front Street Boise, Idaho, 83702.

Funding would be used to develop infrastructure and equipment for the Idaho Water Center, which would become a comprehensive data collection and data center in Boise. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the upgraded center will be managed by researchers at the University of Idaho and will aid communities by helping address issues related to flooding, stream erosion through agricultural land and urban areas, river infrastructure, fish habitat assessment, evaluation of groundwater and surface water interactions for water availability, and the filling of reservoirs with sediment that reduces their power generating capacity, flood control, and irrigation water storage potential.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5035(a)(1).

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