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Chairman Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Grace Transmission Line in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Grace located at 2185 Turner Rd. in Grace, Idaho 83241. The funding would be used to install a new transmission line from spring sources to water storage tanks. All drinking water passes through this transmission line which is experiencing leaks at an increasing rate and is routinely impacted by agricultural equipment due to its shallow bury depth – both of which increase the potential for contamination to drinking water for modernizing aging infrastructure to reduce contamination risks. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because improving the spring transmission line protects public health, supports national food production, and ensures a rural community continues to receive safe, reliable water service. It strengthens system resilience and lowers long-term state and federal costs associated with emergencies and regulatory noncompliance. With relatively low project costs and a long service life, this upgrade delivers an excellent return on taxpayer dollars while promoting long-term community and agricultural stability.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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 the initials "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress