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To: Chair and Members of the Appropriations Subcommittee Dear [Chair/Ranking Member/Appropriations Subcommittee Members],

I am writing to express strong support for the federal appropriations request submitted by Boise State University in partnership with The Peregrine Fund to advance the Global Conservation Education Center & Condor Recovery Center. As Executive Director of The Archives of Falconry, I wholeheartedly endorse this collaborative effort, which aligns with our shared commitment to raptor conservation through science, education, and global partnership.

- The Archives of Falconry recognizes the value of bridging academia, field biology, and public engagement to train the next generation of conservation professionals. The partnership between Boise State University and The Peregrine Fund creates a proven model that links education, research, and on-the-ground conservation for raptors and the ecosystems they sustain.
- The Peregrine Fund has a long-standing record of impact—from recovering peregrine falcons to leading the California Condor Recovery Program. Strengthening biosecurity infrastructure and dedicated isolation facilities is essential to safeguarding ESA-listed species from evolving threats, including Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This project directly supports resilient recovery programs and the health security of vulnerable raptor populations.
- Boise State University's role ensures efficient administration and coordination with our partners, maintaining program integrity while expanding the Center's capacity to deliver measurable conservation outcomes nationwide.

We respectfully urge Congress to appropriate \$8.5 million for Phase I of this project. This funding will allow:



- Construction of a new raptor isolation facility with adequate freezer space for captive raptor nutrition and food storage.
- Conversion of the existing quail propagation facility into functional collaborative workspace to support joint research, education, and program coordination.
- Expansion of collaboration and outreach that will attract top talent to Idaho and enable public-private partnerships with tangible conservation impact.

Phase II of the master plan envisions a Collaborative Conservation Event Center with partners like The Archives of Falconry to include meeting rooms, educational exhibits, and event spaces. While Phase II represents a longer-term investment, Phase I is essential to strengthen federal recovery efforts for the California Condor, enhance national biosecurity preparedness, and bolster the United States' leadership in raptor conservation.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important request. The Archives of Falconry stands ready to support and amplify the positive impact of this partnership for raptor conservation, education, and workforce development at home and around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Goodell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

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March 18, 2026

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the federal appropriations request submitted by Boise State University in partnership with The Peregrine Fund to advance the Global Conservation Education & Condor Recovery Center. Having served as a U.S. Senator from Idaho, the Governor of Idaho, and the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, I have seen firsthand how durable conservation outcomes are achieved through strategic collaboration, particularly when academic institutions and experienced conservation organizations work in concert.

The partnership between Boise State and The Peregrine Fund represents a model of this kind of collaboration. By aligning Boise State's academic rigor and research capacity with The Peregrine Fund's decades of field-based conservation leadership, the two institutions are cultivating the next generation of conservation scientists while directly addressing urgent threats facing raptor species worldwide. This integration of education, applied science, and on-the-ground conservation is essential to sustaining biodiversity and strengthening ecosystem resilience.

The Peregrine Fund has demonstrated extraordinary success in raptor conservation since its founding in 1970. Its leadership in the recovery of the peregrine falcon, once on the brink of extinction and now a celebrated conservation success, illustrates the effectiveness of science-driven, collaborative approaches. Today, The Peregrine Fund continues to play a critical role in the recovery of the California Condor and other imperiled species, working in partnership with federal, state, Tribal, and private stakeholders.

The proposed Global Conservation Education & Condor Recovery Center builds on this legacy by expanding capacity for both conservation and education. The project will enhance biosecurity infrastructure to safeguard endangered species, including protections against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, and will create modern, collaborative spaces for research, training, and public engagement. These investments are not only timely but necessary to ensure the continued success of federal recovery efforts and to address emerging wildlife health challenges.

Equally important, this initiative strengthens the United States' position as a global leader in conservation science. By fostering public-private partnerships and attracting top-tier talent, the Center will amplify the impact of American conservation expertise both domestically and internationally.

I respectfully urge Congress to support the requested \$8.5 million in federal appropriations for Phase I of this project. This investment will yield significant returns in the form of enhanced species recovery, improved biosecurity preparedness, and expanded opportunities for education and collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to conserving our nation's natural heritage.

Sincerely,



Dirk A Kempthorne
Former United States Secretary of the Interior
Former Governor of Idaho
Former United States Senator

March 18, 2026

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am writing to express my strong support for the federal appropriations request submitted by Boise State University in partnership with The Peregrine Fund to advance the Global Conservation Education & Condor Recovery Center. As a former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, I have dedicated my career to the conservation and recovery of our nation's most imperiled species, and I recognize the critical importance of collaborative, science-driven efforts like this one.

Raptors are among the most powerful indicators of ecosystem health, and their conservation requires sustained commitment, rigorous science, and strong partnerships. The collaboration between Boise State and The Peregrine Fund exemplifies these principles. By integrating Boise State's academic excellence with The Peregrine Fund's extensive field expertise and global conservation leadership, this partnership is building a pipeline of highly trained conservation professionals while directly advancing solutions to the complex challenges facing birds of prey.

The Peregrine Fund has a distinguished history of conservation impact. Since its founding in 1970, the organization has played a central role in recovering raptor species once on the brink of extinction, most notably the peregrine falcon. Today, its leadership in the California Condor Recovery Program continues to demonstrate the value of long-term, partnership-based conservation efforts grounded in science and adaptive management.

The proposed Global Conservation Education & Condor Recovery Center represents a vital next step in this work. Strengthening biosecurity infrastructure, particularly in the face of threats such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, is essential to safeguarding vulnerable, ESA-listed species like the California Condor. The development of dedicated isolation and support facilities will significantly enhance the resilience and effectiveness of ongoing recovery programs.

Additionally, the Center will expand opportunities for applied workforce training, research and public engagement. By creating collaborative space for scientists, students, and conservation practitioners, this project reinforces a proven model that connects education with real-world conservation outcomes. It will also help ensure that the United States remains at the forefront of global raptor conservation, exporting both knowledge and capacity to address biodiversity challenges worldwide.

I respectfully urge Congress to support the requested \$8.5 million in federal appropriations for Phase I of this project. This investment will directly strengthen federal species recovery efforts, improve national preparedness for wildlife health threats, and advance a collaborative conservation framework that delivers measurable, lasting impact.

Thank you for your continued leadership in conserving our nation's wildlife and natural resources.

Sincerely,



H. Dale Hall
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (retired)