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March 27th, 2026

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 funding for a community project funding request entitled “Milner Dam Rehabilitation” in the fiscal year 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Idaho Water Resource Board, located at 322 E Front Street, Boise, ID, 83702. Funding would be used to repair and rehabilitate Milner Dam, the primary control structure for the upper Snake River Reservoir system in eastern Idaho, to ensure continued flood protection for surrounding communities, safeguard more than 500,000 acres of irrigated farmland, and maintain the dam’s critical role in supporting 50–70% of the Idaho Water Resource Board’s aquifer managed recharge program for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), the area’s sole source potable water supply. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would prevent catastrophic failure, protect thousands of residents, sustain agricultural jobs, and ensure reliable drinking water for area households.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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".

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress