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JEROME, LINCOLN &  
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## House of Representatives State of Idaho

The Honorable Mike Simpson

2084 Rayburn House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD MILNER DAM  
REHABILITATION PROJECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT  
FUNDING

Dear Representative Simpson:

We are submitting this letter of support for the Idaho Water Resource Board Milner Dam Rehabilitation Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. Milner Dam completed construction in 1905 and has been a vital water control structure in southern Idaho since that time. Milner Dam has allowed for more than 500,000 acres of farmland in the southern Idaho region and has allowed for the growth and development of one of the most fertile agricultural areas in the nation. Over the years, significant erosion and undermining of Milner Dam's spillway basin and foundation has led to numerous inquiries and corresponding requests by federal and state agencies to address a growing safety risk. This infrastructure is vital to sustaining the economic growth and development of several rural and small communities in Twin Falls County, Jerome County, Cassia County, and Gooding County.

This funding would allow the Idaho Water Resource Board the opportunity to facilitate repairs and rehabilitate Milner Dam for future generations of small and rural communities in southern Idaho. We ask that you continue to support the funding of this project and the future of southern Idaho.

Sincerely,

Idaho State Representative Mike Pohanka

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Idaho State Representative Jack Nelsen

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Idaho State Senator Ron Taylor

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# JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A. Ben Crouch  
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Commissioner

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Clerk

March 13, 2026

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Sincerely,

A. Ben Crouch  
Chairman  
Jerome County Commissioner



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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

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March 4, 2026

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MILNER DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

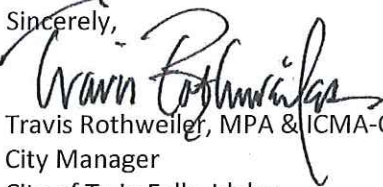
Dear Honorable Congressman Mike Simpson:

Good afternoon. We hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the City of Twin Falls, I am submitting this letter to express our support for the Milner Dam Rehabilitation Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding being facilitated by the Idaho Department of Water Resources Board of Directors.

The construction of Milner Dam was completed in 1905, and it has since served as one of the most important water control structures in the Magic Valley. Milner Dam has enabled more than 500,000 acres of farmland to be developed, transforming a sagebrush-covered desert into one of the most fertile agricultural regions in the nation. Over the years, the dam's spillways and foundation have experienced some undermining due to significant erosion, which has led to numerous inquiries and requests from various federal and state agencies. Milner Dam continues to play a vital role in sustaining the economic growth and development of several rural and small communities throughout the Magic Valley. Funding this request would allow the Idaho Department of Water Resources to facilitate the necessary repairs and rehabilitation of Milner Dam, ensuring its continued function for future generations in southern Idaho. Without funding for repairs, the condition of the dam could further deteriorate, potentially jeopardizing our local economy and posing a public health and safety risk.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Your continued support will help secure the future of southern Idaho. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Travis Rothweiler, MPA & ICMA-CM  
City Manager  
City of Twin Falls, Idaho



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Sincerely,

*Todd Stimpson*

Todd Stimpson  
Mayor Hansen City



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Dear Representative Simpson:

We are submitting this letter of support the City of Filer for the Idaho Water Resource Board Milner Dam Rehabilitation Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. Milner Dam completed construction in 1905 and has been a vital water control structure in southern Idaho since that time. Milner Dam has allowed for more than 500,000 acres of farmland in the southern Idaho region and has allowed for the growth and development of one of the most fertile agricultural areas in the nation. Over the years, significant erosion and undermining of Milner Dam's spillway basin and foundation has led to numerous inquiries and corresponding requests by federal and state agencies to address a growing safety risk. This infrastructure is vital to sustaining the economic growth and development of several rural and small communities in Twin Falls County, Jerome County, Cassia County, and Gooding County.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bob Templeman'.

Mayor Bob Templeman  
City of Filer, Idaho

**BRENT D. REINKE**  
COMMISSIONER  
FIRST DISTRICT

TWIN FALLS COUNTY  
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March 16, 2026

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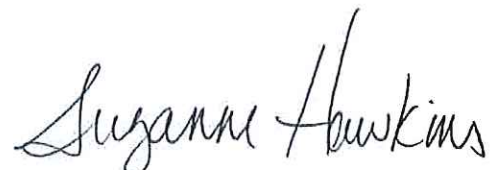
Sincerely,



Brent Reinke  
Chairman



Rocky Matthews  
Commissioner



Suzanne Hawkins  
Commissioner



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# City of Gooding

Incorporated November 21, 1910

Mayor: Diane Houser  
Clerk: Hollye Haney

City Council  
Michael 'Mitch' Arkoosh  
Jan Shepherd  
Lonnie Rogers  
Jerry Pierce

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Sincerely,

Diane Houser

Mayor  
City of Gooding



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Your Economic Opportunity**

**IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

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Sincerely,

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Jesse Barrus, PE  
District Engineer, District 4  
Idaho Transportation Department

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North Side Soil & Water  
Conservation District

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Dear Representative Simpson:

We are submitting this letter of support from the North Side Soil and Water Conservation District in Jerome County for the Idaho Water Resource Board Milner Dam Rehabilitation Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding. Milner Dam was completed in 1905 and has been a vital water control structure in southern Idaho since that time. The dam allows for irrigation of more than 500,000 acres of farmland in southern Idaho and promotes the growth and development of one of the most fertile agricultural areas in the nation.

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Sincerely,

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Steven Huettig, Chairman  
North Side SWCD



*CONNECTING THE  
MAGIC VALLEY*

3/12/2026

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2084 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Letter Of Support For Milner Dam Rehabilitation Project Economic Development Initiative  
Community Project Funding**

Dear Representative Simpson:

The Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO) is providing this letter of support for the Milner Dam Rehabilitation Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding submission by the Idaho Water Resources Board.

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The infrastructure of Milner Dam and the associated irrigation facilities have been vital to the economic growth and development of several rural and small communities in Twin Falls County, Jerome County, Cassia County, and Gooding County. Sustaining the safe use of this structure will ensure continued prosperity of our local agriculture and those living in the Magic Valley.

This funding opportunity would allow the Idaho Water Resources Board to facilitate repair and rehabilitation of Milner Dam for its continued safe operation. We ask that you support the funding of this project to aid in the sustained growth and economic opportunities for rural communities in southern Idaho.

Sincerely,

Nathan Jerke  
Executive Director