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May 2, 2025

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 request \$5,007,000 for a community project funding request for the American Falls City Water Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the City of American Falls located at 550 N. Oregon Trail, American Falls, ID, 83211.

Funding would be used to replace 13 miles of noncompliant lines to meet the needs of citizens and fire flow. Due to the higher than typical per capita water usage, meters will also be added to all city connections. The energy and water savings provided by this project will allow the city to become more resilient to drought emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the long-term environmental impacts of water conservation would help minimize additional drilling of city wells and ease demand on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. The energy and water savings provided by this project will allow the city to become more resilient to drought emergencies. In addition, this project will assist the community with fire safety and water capacity while assisting the region conserve up to 2,000-acre feet of water yearly.

This 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,

Mike Simpson

Member of Congress