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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 \$1,800,000 for a community project funding request for the Bingham County Aquifer Data and Sustainability Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the Bingham Groundwater District located at 1725 Riverton Rd. Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

Funding would be used to implement a groundwater telemetry monitoring system to enhance groundwater and soil moisture monitoring while streamlining flow meter data collection across Bingham County. These upgrades will improve Bingham Groundwater District's ability to manage groundwater in an area that has the most impact on the Upper Snake River reach gains. Real-time groundwater and soil moisture will provide essential data to guide sustainable water use, aquifer recharge efforts and water quality protection. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will provide essential data on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, a critical water source for all Idaho residents. By improving understanding of groundwater levels, recharge rates, and overall aquifer health, irrigators can make informed management decisions that support long-term water sustainability.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the letters "M.C." are printed in a small font.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress