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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 \$4,600,000 for a community project funding request for the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District Station in Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District. The applicant is located at 20083 U.S. 712 US Highway 30 Buhl, Idaho 83316.

Funding would be used to construct a new fire station centrally located within 102 square miles of the fire district. Currently the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District does not own a centrally located station. The new facility will have six apparatus bays that will house the equipment needed for the fire protection area. The apparatuses include engines, water tender, rescue, quick response unit, wildland brush trucks, and incident command vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District does not currently have a fire station that meets the needs of the community. The fire station is not centrally located, and they do not have enough room to house all needed apparatuses inside or have the space for an advanced life support vehicle needed for the remoteness of the county. During the winter months, vehicles are kept outside due to lack of space and must be weatherized before use, delaying operational readiness. This new fire station would provide emergency services and improve public safety for the region.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purpose authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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, reading "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