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May 2, 2024

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 am requesting \$5,000,000 for a community project funding request for the City of Rigby Water Improvements Project in the Fiscal Year 2026. The intended recipient is the City of Rigby located at 158 West Fremont Avenue Rigby, ID, 83442.

Funding would be used for construction of a new 1.5-million-gallon tank to provide adequate storage to address deficiencies in peak system usage and emergency situations. The city will also upgrade an existing 6" water line to a 16" water line that runs under US Highway 20 and several railroad tracks to provide adequate flow to the eastern part of the city. Funding would also be used to replace and upgrade 8,000 feet of waterline, 54 valves, 10 fire hydrants, reconnect 155 service lines, add 9 new pressure relief valves in vaults, and the repaving of 6,846 square yards of roadway. The current infrastructure is aged and susceptible to ongoing repairs and water loss.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the city wants to ensure an adequate water supply for its residents. A recent study conducted by the city revealed areas of deficiency that need to be addressed to continue to provide adequate supply and flow of drinking water for its residents. These improvements would also bring the system into code compliance with DEQ standards.

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