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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3 million in funding for the City of Carey Wastewater Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Carey, located at 15 Griffin Loop, Carey, ID, 83320. The funding would be used to address system deficiencies and includes the following key components: construction of a new lift station to replace the failing unit; construction of a new lagoon within the existing treatment footprint; installation of a polishing reactor to further reduce ammonia and remove phosphorus, nitrogen, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5), and total suspended solids (TSS); and collection system improvements. These upgrades will return the city to compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA), NPDES requirements, and Idaho Rules for Public Wastewater Systems (IDAPA 58.01.16). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will eliminate ongoing risks to public health stemming from current ground and surface water contamination events as well as prevent potential impacts to nearby surface waters, including temperature and dissolved oxygen.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1383(c) (Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act).

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".

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress