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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$3.1 million for the Workforce Housing for Critically Endangered Species Recovery project in the FY24 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Peregrine Fund, Inc., located at 5668 W. Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709. This funding would be used to rebuild seven housing units, repair the only access road, and purchase backup generators to maintain uninterrupted power to sensitive systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the Peregrine Fund provides workforce housing to propagation staff due to the round-the-clock nature of the work of conserving the critically endangered California condor, and current housing is both dilapidated and in need of expansion. In addition, the local access road, which is critical for EMS and first responders directly related to the safety of more than 50,000 annual visitors, as well as on-site staff, needs milling and repaving. These infrastructure investments ensure that facilities are prepared to continue the work of species recovery for the next three to four decades.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Simpson" with a small "M.C." to the right.

Mike Simpson
March 30, 2023