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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5.7 million for the Downtown Boise YMCA Catalytic Redevelopment Project in Boise, Idaho in the FY23 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Treasure Valley Family YMCA located at 1177 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702.

The funding is designated to redevelop four city blocks located between State St/Jefferson St and 10th St/12th St in Boise with a new YMCA facility. Alongside partners in healthcare, education, and the non-profit and government sectors, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA will provide comprehensive solutions for community challenges, in one of the nation's fastest growing cities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The Downtown Boise YMCA currently serves 17,000 members per year. With completion of the new facility, they anticipate serving 23,000 members, with 1.2 million visits per year. The project's community-based approach will address a wide range of social determinants of health and community needs, such as housing, healthcare, early childhood education and childcare, workforce development, transportation and accessibility, and financial education. The Downtown Boise YMCA will be a catalyst for connecting community members to local businesses, hospitals, social, educational, and governmental services, resulting in a thriving economy, connected community, and increased wellbeing for youth, adults, and families.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Simpson". Below the signature, the letters "M.C." are written in a smaller, stylized font.

Mike Simpson
April 28, 2022