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April 22, 2021

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 \$91,449 of funding for the Trade Up: Skilled Trades Expansion, Advising, and Remediation project at the College of Eastern Idaho in the FY22 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the College of Eastern Idaho and the project is located at 1600 S. 25th E., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83403.

The funding is designated to expand virtual trades training by equipping five classrooms for live teaching broadcast, hiring a one-year interim advisor to promote construction as entry to expansive college training or career, building badges in Skill Stack, inviting students to return for stackable credentials, shortening time to career, ensuring CEP's programs are tailored to local employer needs, and creating a free & immediate remediation system to help any fourth-year student retake and pass the journeyman exam.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will strengthen workforce training programs in the fields of plumbing, welding, electrical and HVAC; expand virtual access to training in remote parts of Idaho; bolster student advising to ensure success; and help students navigate remediation in order to successfully find employment and strengthen rural economies. Eastern Idaho is growing at a rapid rate, and employers

are in desperate need of skilled workers. This project will help employers find the workers they need, as well as prepare Idahoans for stable, good paying jobs close to home. The project also has the potential to increase local wages and stabilize rural economies throughout the region.

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" followed by the initials "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson
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