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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 Center Street Railroad Bridge Underpass in Pocatello, Idaho in the FY23 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Pocatello located at 911 N. 7th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201.

The funding is designated to repair the abutments, replace the fascia and portals to the sidewalks, and replace the retaining walls and sidewalks leading to the pedestrian tunnels. The existing roadway and pedestrian lighting will be upgraded, and the existing stormwater system will be modified or replaced to handle storm events and a pedestrian bridge more adequately across Center Street will be constructed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The Center Street underpass is an essential element of Pocatello's transportation system and one of three principle arterial streets that cross the railroad connecting the downtown area to the rest of Pocatello. A repaired underpass will ensure the safety of the City's 10,000 drivers and pedestrians who use it every day. This project will also enhance business development and community redevelopment in Historic Downtown Pocatello.

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" with a small "M.C." to the right.

Mike Simpson  
April 28, 2022