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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair
The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$7,082,856 of funding for the Mackay Dam Rehabilitation project in the fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Custer County, located at 801 E. Main Ave. PO Box 385 Challis, ID 83226.

The funding would be used for rehabilitating the Mackay Dam, a 100-year-old earthfill structure, constructed for irrigation purposes that currently serves 37,500 acres of farmland. The infrastructure of the dam is ageing and has degraded to the point of critical condition with high risk of failure in the event of flooding.

The funding would go towards removing and replacing the primary spillway, relining the outlet tunnel, and moving controls downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping and mitigate the risk of damages from earthquake and flooding to the surrounding communities of Mackay, Arco, Custer, Butte, and the Idaho National Laboratory.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and 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
Member of Congress