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April 11, 2022

Dear Congressman Simpson:

I wholeheartedly support the FY2023 Agriculture Appropriations Community Project Request for the facilities at the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE) at Rupert, and at the USDA ARS site in Kimberly. These facilities will provide USDA ARS scientists the ability to carry out research in the sustainability of agriculture in Idaho. In particular, the USDA ARS partnership with the University of Idaho at CAFE will provide the necessary infrastructure to ensure the viability of the dairy industry through research of manure handling facilities and experimental lagoons. These examinations will protect the beauty and productivity of Idaho and the nation.

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This project will provide critical research facilities for USDA ARS.

Sincerely,

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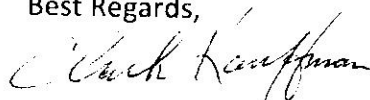
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Best Regards,



Rep. Clark Kauffman
Chairman, Idaho House Agriculture Affairs Committee

April 13, 2022

Congressman Simpson:

I hope this finds you well. And I mean that because, unlike my job, your job forces you to leave our fine state, regularly! I don't think I could handle that.

I'm sending this letter in my capacity as a member of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee to indicate my wholehearted support for the FY2023 Agriculture Appropriations Community Project Request for the facilities at the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE) at Rupert, and at the USDA ARS site in Kimberly.

As the former Chief Academic Officer for our State Board of Education, I know these facilities will provide USDA ARS scientists the ability to carry out research in the sustainability of agriculture in Idaho. In particular, the USDA ARS partnership with the University of Idaho at CAFE will provide the necessary infrastructure to ensure the viability of the dairy industry through research of manure handling facilities and experimental lagoons.

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These examinations will not only protect the beauty and productivity of Idaho and the nation, but will allow our dairies to remain competitive as they respond to increased consumer demands.

Thank you for allowing me to register my support.

Rep. Chris Mathias
District 19