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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 support \$3.3 million for the College of Southern Idaho's (CSI's) Jerome Education and Training Center in Jerome, Idaho in the FY 2023 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the College of Southern Idaho located at 315 Falls Avenue, PO Box 1238 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

The funding is designated to construct a new Education and Training facility to support regional needs for the CSI. Named the Jerome Education and Training Center, this construction would be a 20,000 square foot facility in downtown Jerome, Idaho.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Jerome County has experienced record-setting growth in the food processing, dairy, and meat processing industries. The growth of the industry needs has guided the CSI's to plan for an education and training facility to support regional workforce development. Beyond food processing related training and instruction, the College intends for the Jerome Center to also support healthcare training for high school students and others for CNA and Medical Assisting in support of regional needs. The center will also serve as a community hub supporting CSI's role as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Simpson" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the letters "M.C." are printed in a small font.

Mike Simpson  
April 28, 2022