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April 29, 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 \$2 million for sewer line improvements in Roberts, Idaho in the FY23 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Roberts located at PO Box 242 Roberts, ID 83444.

The funding is designated to assist Roberts in making updates to their failing sewer lines, which are causing raw sewage to back up into resident's homes causing a public health concern.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Over the years, the ground water levels in Roberts have dropped. This has reduced the volume of wastewater the City has to treat due to groundwater infiltration into the sewer collection system, however, the City is concerned that sewage may be leaking from the broken pipes into the groundwater. The improvements to the City's sewer collection system would help ensure that sewage is not leaking into the ground water and would prevent the backups that are coming in citizens homes. Addressing this public health concern remains a priority for Roberts and surrounding communities.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson April 28, 2022