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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 \$15 million for the Rock Creek Restoration and Water Quality Project in Twin Falls County, 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 City of Twin Falls located at 203 Main Avenue E Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The funding is designated to enhance water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, urban outdoor recreational opportunities, and to provide flood control benefits in the lower Rock Creek Watershed in Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Through acquisition of property and construction of off-stream ponds, the project will help alleviate flooding while also providing sediment removal and total phosphorus reductions from agricultural runoff, which will further improve water quality in Rock Creek and also contribute to the reduction of nutrients in the Mid-Snake River. The project will connect city owned properties and preserve and provide greater public access to enhanced outdoor urban recreational experiences in the creek corridor. The project will also further improve water quality in the Mid-Snake River.

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