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Chairman Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$1,800,000 for a community project funding request for the Bingham County Real-Time Ground Water Management project. The intended recipient is the Bingham Groundwater District. The applicant is located at 1725 Riverton Rd. Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.

Due to a decline in the Eastern Snake Plaine Aquifer and the substantial economic role that agriculture plays in the state, Bingham Groundwater District would like to implement a robust groundwater conservation project that will benefit the agricultural community in Idaho and reduce stress on the aquifer. By implementing groundwater telemetry monitoring system, irrigators will have access to real-time groundwater pumping data. This will allow for increased insights on pumping totals and better management of water allocation. Data collection and sharing will allow increased collaboration to implement best irrigation practices.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress