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Congressman Mike Simpson
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Mr. Congressman Mike Simpson:

We are writing in support of the Bingham Ground Water District's proposal to implement technology for enhanced water management and planning. A reliable water supply is integral to the social and economic stability of Bingham County and vital to the County's significant contribution to the State of Idaho and the entire nation. Along with leading the nation in potato production, Bingham County contributes significantly to the State's small grains, sugar, livestock and dairy industries as well as large scale food processing and industrial manufacturing facilities shipping products throughout the world.

Bingham County is also rich with a heritage of preserving and enhancing the abundant resources found in southeastern Idaho for the benefit and opportunity of future generations. The Bingham Ground Water District's mission is to build on this heritage by implementing and enabling water conservation initiatives to ensure that current and future generations of Idahoans have the tools they will need to manage water both in times of plenty and in times of drought. The enhanced monitoring capabilities in this proposal will benefit management practices and planning in both ground and surface water resources and continue to foster the cooperative efforts of all water users to ensure a secure water supply for all.

Funding this proposal will reap benefits for many years to come as the knowledge and capabilities gained will lead to innovations in water management which are pertinent to similar regions throughout the country.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Whitney Manwaring".

Whitney Manwaring, Chairman

"Potato Capital"