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May 10, 2024

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 am requesting \$4,000,000 for a community project funding request for the City of Bellevue Drinking Water Improvements Project in the FY 25 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The intended recipient is the City of Bellevue. The applicant is located at 115 E Pine Street PO Box 825, Bellevue ID, 83313.

Funding would be used for construction of a new collection system at Seamans Creek Springs, and installation of a new diversion structure. Additionally, the project would result in reconstruction of the Lower Springs collection transmission system, replacement of approximately 17,000 linear feet water transmission main, and approximately 2,000 linear feet of watermain replacement along Highway 75.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project aims to resolve ongoing risks to public health and safety associated with current ground and surface water contamination events plaguing the system. This funding would reduce the potential economic burden associated with a significant loan placed on the rural community which will result in a needed boost to the local economy.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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" followed by the initials "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress