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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 \$6,409,075 for a community project funding request for the Stephensen Elementary School Build in the FY 25 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

The intended recipient is the Mountain Home School District #193. The applicant is located at 100 Gunfighter Ave. Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID, 83648.

Funding would be used to construct a new elementary school at Mountain Home Air Force Base located near Mountain Home, Idaho. Stephensen Elementary has been rated Q-4 in the latest Department of Defense (DOD) rating in 2018. The building received the Q-4 rating for the physical condition of the building and the capacity of the building. Virtually every system needs to be replaced in the current facility to bring it up to current standards. The new elementary will be larger than the existing complex so that the school may house students' kindergarten through 6th grade on the military installation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current facility has several structural issues in need of renovation or repair. The Department of Defense has rated it as a school in need of replacing. This project will help the community of Mountain Home by remedying issues identified in the Department of Defense's school rating system. This project will also help protect the mission of the installation and the jobs associated that heavily impact the Mountain Home community.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(4).

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 "M.C." written in small letters at the end of the signature.

Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress