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March 30, 2023

The HonorableKay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $37.7 million for the Little Wood River, ID project in the FY24 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District located at 201 N 3rd Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362. The funding is designated to replace .8 miles of failing rock wall. The channel, constructed with impermanent methods and dubious materials, is now more than eighty-two years old, and approaching the end of its useful life. Rehabilitation of the facility is warranted.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it would replace the walls of the channel that flows through the city of Gooding, Idaho, which was constructed in the 1930's. Many sections of the wall have failed, leading to an increase in localized flood risk and threat to adjacent public infrastructure and private property. It is also leading to long-term undermining of the public roads along its corridor from sub surface erosion. This project has been authorized in WRDA and design and construction were funded in FY23, and the requested funding would complete the project.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 8335 of P.L. 117-263.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

M.C.

Mike Simpson
March 30, 2023