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April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$750,000 for improvements to the Idaho Workforce and Public Safety Training Facility in Boise, Idaho in the FY23 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Idaho Rural Water Association, Inc, located at 6395 W. Gowen Rd, Boise, ID 83709.

The funding is designated to provide site improvements, including the construction of curbs and a parking lot, loading dock, and storage facilities, to provide safer access to water and wastewater operations education facilities. Additional funding will be designated to purchase and install the equipment necessary to develop indoor/outdoor labs and learning stations in Ada County, Idaho that will be utilized to educate water and wastewater operators across Idaho, including its most rural communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Rural communities across Idaho and the United States are experiencing an increased demand for water and wastewater operators, and this project will play a crucial role in educating new and retaining current operators in Idaho. It will also help address community demands for stable, good paying jobs close to home by recruiting, educating, and retaining Idahoans in the industry and enhancing rural economies.

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

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
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