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Re: YMCA Phase II Project

To: Congressman Mike Simpson

On behalf of the City of Ketchum, we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the expansion of the Wood River YMCA in our community. We recognize the vital role the YMCA plays in promoting health, wellness, and community development, and we believe that this expansion will significantly enhance the services and opportunities available to our residents and visitors.

The City of Ketchum is committed to fostering a strong, active, and engaged community and the YMCA has been a valued partner since it first opened its doors. The YMCA's unwavering focus on providing accessible programs, supporting youth development, and encouraging healthy lifestyles aligns perfectly with our city's values and long-term goals. The expansion of the YMCA will not only improve the quality of life for Ketchum residents but also provide much-needed resources to enhance our local wellness, recreational, and educational offerings.

Congressman, your support of the YMCA's efforts to secure federal appropriations is greatly appreciated. While the philanthropic community of Ketchum and the greater Wood River Valley areas will undoubtedly also support their fundraising campaign, a federal grant would not only jumpstart the giving of private donations but would also relieve the weight of the burden entirely from the shoulders of the locals.

We are grateful to be a part of this meaningful initiative and look forward to the future success of the YMCA in Ketchum.

Sincerely,

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

Amanda Breen, Councilmember

Spencer Cordovano, Councilmember

Courtney Hamilton, Councilmember

Tripp Hutchinson, Councilmember