

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies
H-305 House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515-6016

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,


We, the undersigned Members of Congress who represent constituents downstream of the Uranium Mill Tailing Remedial Action (UMTRA) project, urge you to match last year's funding of \$67,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023. Notably, we believe sustaining the increase would save taxpayer dollars by further maximizing productivity and allowing the project to finally be completed within five years. This also matches the President's Fiscal Year 2023 budget request.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has been tasked with the cleanup of this site, which includes the largest uranium mill tailings pile relocation in the United States. The other year, DOE celebrated the removal of 10 million tons of residual material from the site.


Historic funding increases made the site significantly more efficient, which allowed DOE to move more tailings at less cost per ton. In fact, the cost per ton went from \$81 to \$47, with tons per month seeing an increase from 39,000 to 80,000. Once it is complete, the removal of these tailings could result in numerous economic development opportunities for the local community and provide a peace of mind for our downstream constituencies.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and the impact it will have on our constituents.

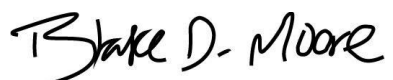
Sincerely,




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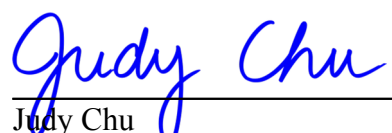
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