

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-5000

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for WYO Complex, Casper, Natrona County, Wyoming, (WY- at Large) in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Economic Development Joint Powers Board of Natrona County, located at 139 W 2nd St Suite 1-D, Casper, WY 82601. The funding would be used for the public infrastructure of the proposed WYO Complex indoor sports facility, including the sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and domestic water (including fire hydrant).

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will help assist the development and construction of a sports complex that will serve the state's high school sports leagues, provide affordable opportunities for youth recreation, support local groups and associations, and attract much needed economic development to diversify the local economy.

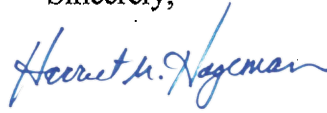
Funding to construct the public infrastructure component of the WYO Complex indoor sports facility will sustain and provide new opportunity for Wyoming organized sports and recreation. This facility will help sustain Casper as the home of eight of the state's high school championships while also providing new opportunities to host events for more sports and more age groups. The project also serves an immediate need in the community for affordable opportunities for youth recreation to support mental and physical health. The complex will provide a new venue for the Casper Recreation Leagues Association, the YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club of Central Wyoming, and other competitive sports leagues.

The presence of the sports complex will also serve as an economic driver for North Casper, where the project is located, where more than 42% of the residents of the surrounding area are considered low- or moderate-income and which has a poverty rate of 11 percent. The area is in need of economic diversification to counter the stresses of the boom-bust cycles in the oil and gas industry. The parcel of land where the complex will be located is surrounded by developed parcels that have attracted business interest due to the pending development of the complex. Finally, the high school sports championships deliver an annual economic impact of roughly \$15 million annually meaning the ability to attract more sporting events and businesses to the area with a new complex will sufficiently help diversify and expand the economy in a much needed manner.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(2).

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 "Harriet M. Hageman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "H".

Harriet M. Hageman
Member of Congress