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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bryan County Rapid DNA project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bryan County Sheriff's Office, located at 95 Sgt. Robert W. Crapse Drive, Pembroke, GA 31321.

The funding would be used to procure Rapid DNA technologies that would increase investigative capabilities, reduce backlogs, decrease costs, and improve community safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Rapid DNA technology empowers local law enforcement to analyze DNA samples within 90 minutes, providing swift and accurate identifications and strengthening public safety. In Pennsylvania, a local law enforcement attributes a 42% drop in property crimes to technology, and it has been crucial to identifying remains in the aftermath of disasters, like recent floods in Kentucky and fires in Hawaii. Beyond its speed, the technology would allow for reduced operating costs by expediting analysis and eliminating the need for external lab submissions.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress