

November 15, 2022

Via email: [jaryn.emhof@mail.house.gov](mailto:jaryn.emhof@mail.house.gov) (CoS)

The Honorable Daniel Webster  
US House of Representatives  
2184 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: *FY 2024 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations  
Community Project Funding Request*

Dear Congressman Webster:

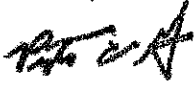
The Lake County Sheriff's Office has identified a new technology that will change the way we respond to disasters, initiate criminal investigations and manage limited resources. We are interested in applying for Community Project Funding during the FY 2024 appropriations process to assist my agency in establishing a Rapid DNA system and appreciate any guidance you may provide regarding said process and the timeframe for applications.

Rapid DNA was developed and approved under FBI guidance to process DNA within 90 minutes. Many law enforcement agencies across the country have started using Rapid DNA to make quick, and accurate identifications that will drastically improve public safety. In Pennsylvania, the Bensalem Township PD has seen a 42% reduction in property crimes which the department attributes to its Rapid DNA system. In addition, in Hawaii, Kauai PD saved thousands of dollars on one disaster response. Not only is this technology important for thorough investigations, but it will also reduce the already overloaded demands placed on the crime lab.

This technology will improve public safety and community relations by ensuring investigators have access to the most accurate forensic technology in identifying criminals *and* to exonerate persons who are wrongly accused. It is clear this is the expectation of the citizens we serve, and the men and women of the Lake County Sheriff's Office agree.

I understand the FY 2023 appropriations process is still underway and details on the FY 2024 process are not certain yet. However, this project will be a high priority for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in the coming years, and we would greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

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Peyton C. Grinnell  
Sheriff of Lake County

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# FRUITLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Erik D. Luce

March 15, 2023

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RE: Support for Lake County Sheriff's Office Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Webster,

The Fruitland Park Police Department is excited to hear about Sheriff Peyton Grinnell's request for Community Project Funding for rapid DNA equipment. I understand that rapid DNA has an impressive track record in improving community safety while also demonstrating tremendous potential to improve law enforcement practices and outcomes into the future. We offer our endorsement and respectfully request that you support Sheriff Grinnell's funding request.

We are continually looking to improve efficiency in our departments both as a responsibility to our taxpayers and to better allocate limited resources. Rapid DNA not only improves law enforcement outcomes, it also provides increased efficiency. Crime labs constantly face difficult prioritization decisions when allocating resources. Crime labs are asked to process evidence from violent crimes such as sexual assaults and homicides. A lab naturally finds it difficult to justify processing DNA evidence from a property crime when faced with a sexual assault victim waiting for DNA confirmation against their assailant. Rapid DNA helps ease this burden by automating the process for low-complexity DNA samples. This technology allows our state DNA lab to better focus its efforts on complex, high priority casework while local crime labs without DNA labs can generate scientific investigative leads themselves. Importantly, rapid

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Rapid DNA will be a valuable tool and our community would benefit from its inclusion in our law enforcement practices. Please let me know if we can do anything else to support this request.

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Chief Erik D Luce



# TAVARES POLICE

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RE: Support for Lake County Sheriff's Office Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Webster,

The Tavares Police Department is excited to hear about Sheriff Peyton Grinnell's request for Community Project Funding for rapid DNA equipment. I understand that rapid DNA has an impressive track record in improving community safety while also demonstrating tremendous potential to improve law enforcement practices and outcomes into the future. We offer our endorsement and respectfully request that you support Sheriff Grinnell's funding request.

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Sincerely,

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Captain Jon Hall  
Criminal Investigations  
352-742-6471



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Sincerely

Shawn Ramsey  
Chief of Police  
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# MASCOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police