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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for a Rapid DNA system to process DNA samples collected at booking in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) located at 551 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778.

The funding would be used to purchase a Rapid DNA system that County Deputies can use to process DNA samples locally, which will help bolster law enforcement efficiency, investigations and reduce crime lab backlogs. The Sheriff's office would house the instruments at their jail and would make available to surrounding agencies as needed to assist with public safety across the county. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a Rapid DNA system would better equip the LCSO to create investigative leads and process samples locally, saving time and resources, to catch more criminals and improve community safety throughout Lake County, Florida. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 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,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress