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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office for the Forensic Rapid DNA Technology for Investigations Project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, located at Post Office Box 187, Colfax, LA 71417.

The funding would be used for purchasing a Rapid DNA instrument, supplemental tools, and support to help bolster law enforcement efficiency and improve community outcomes across the Central Louisiana. The state crime lab has a months-long waiting period for most cases and typically will not even accept a property crime case for processing. A rapid DNA instrument will assist the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office in creating investigative leads in cases that are important to the local communities even if they are not important to the state lab. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will allow surrounding law enforcement agencies in central Louisiana to have access to the machine.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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