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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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 Ouachita 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 Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, located at 400 St. John Street, Suite 109, Monroe, LA 71201.

The funding would be used to purchase a Rapid DNA testing instrument, supplemental tools, and support to help bolster law enforcement efficiency and improve crime resolution outcomes across the North Louisiana Delta Region. This instrument will allow the office's deputies, and law enforcement agencies from the local region, to process DNA samples themselves with minimal training. These samples can be processed quickly and generate investigative leads to save time and resources to catch criminals and improve public safety to the citizens the Ouachita Sheriff's Office protects. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will allow surrounding law enforcement agencies in the North Louisiana Delta Regional 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,



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