

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

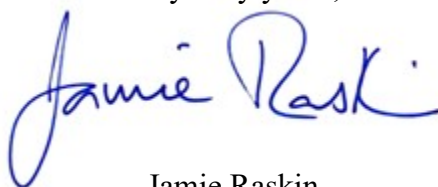
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Forensic Laboratory Capabilities Enhancement project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Montgomery County Police Department, located at 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The funding would be used to procure technology and updated equipment for the forensic laboratory in order to reduce the backlog of cases awaiting analysis and to decrease the overall time required for each examination. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the information gathered by the acquired technology systems will provide information that can assist in the accurate and timely conviction of criminals and the exoneration of innocent citizens.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress