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The Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Crime Laboratory Information Management System project in fiscal year 2024. 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 by the Montgomery County Police Department to acquire and implement a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). A LIMS is a comprehensive database management system that collects, creates and stores all data related to the examinations conducted within the crime laboratory. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by adopting a LIMS, the Montgomery County Police Department can transform its laboratory operations and significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy of forensic investigations, streamline the tracking and management of forensic evidence, and reduce the time and effort required for forensic investigations – resulting in cases being resolved more quickly. This will promote a more efficient and effective justice system and, ultimately, a safer community for our residents and businesses.

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