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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gastonia Police Department Rapid DNA Program in Fiscal Year 2026.


The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gastonia Police Department, located at 200 E. Long Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052.

The funding would be used to create a Rapid DNA program that would enable agencies to swiftly analyze DNA samples in just 90 minutes, drastically reducing identification time in criminal cases. Implementing a Rapid DNA program at the Gastonia Police Department could transform local law enforcement's approach to criminal investigations. This rapid analysis capability can expedite arrests, prevent further crimes, and enhance public safety, as criminals often move across jurisdictions. Additionally, this technology could address longstanding DNA evidence backlogs at the state crime lab. By shifting some DNA analysis to local law enforcement, a Rapid DNA program could ease the strain on centralized labs, leading to quicker investigations and case resolutions. Even agencies without Rapid DNA would benefit from the reduced demand on state labs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would reduce forensic testing expenses and streamline investigations, ultimately saving taxpayers money. This initiative is crucial for North Carolina, as it enhances law enforcement capabilities, improves resource management, and bolsters statewide public safety efforts. It plays a key role in strengthening the justice system by delivering faster results, swiftly identifying offenders, clearing the wrongly accused, and supporting community safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

Tim Moore
Member of Congress