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Congress of the United States  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Rapid DNA instrument for Rutherford County Sherriff's Office in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for the project is Rutherford County Sheriff's office located at 940 New Salem Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ensuring public safety is a high priority for government, and the integration of Rapid DNA technology significantly enhances or capacity to keep our community, and neighboring communities safe.

The current backlog at our state crime lab, with wait times stretching into months and limited acceptance of property crime cases, underscores the urgent need for local solutions. Rapid DNA will empower the Sheriff's Office and collaborating law enforcement agencies in our region to generate investigative leads swiftly, even for cases of lesser priority to state labs. This localized processing capability promises to streamline operations, conserve resources, and bolster community safety.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). Primarily, the acquisition of forensic technology.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott DesJarlais".

Scott DesJarlais