

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol 1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the King County Sheriff's Office Rapid DNA System in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is King County Sheriff's Office, located at 516 Third Avenue, W-116

This funding would be used by the King County Sheriff's Office to purchase a Rapid DNA System and the Sheriff's office will invite local partner law enforcement agencies to participate. The funds will purchase the Rapid Instrument and required hardware, software & materials for the system.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow better access to process DNA for agencies in our region as opposed to using the crime lab which has a lengthy backlog for most cases and, at times, will not accept a property crime case for processing. This technology has been developed and approved under FBI guidance to process DNA within 90 minutes. Law enforcement agencies across the country have started using Rapid DNA to make quick and accurate identifications that will drastically improve public safety and save time and resources, catch more criminals and exonerate those wrongly-accused.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.

Member of Congress