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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fort Bend District Attorney's Office Digital Evidence Repository Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office, located at 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Ste. 21004, Richmond, TX 77469.

If appropriated, the funding would be used to support judicial transparency by using a cloudbased storage platform to facilitate access to evidence shared between investigators, victim advocates, and prosecutors as well as defense attorneys. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support fair and equitable justice for the community by optimizing access to digital evidence in the justice system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Lizzie Fletcher Member of Congress