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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 Houston Forensic Science Center's Optimization of Legacy Drug Testing Project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Houston Forensic Science Center, located at 500 Jefferson Street, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77002.

If appropriated, the funding would be used to address wrongful convictions from historic field drug test kits by prioritizing and stratifying old cases, of which 5,000 will be tested to mitigate wrongful result risks and wrongful convictions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address identified issues with field drug test kits and provide data on how to minimize testing backlogs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lizzie" and last name "Fletcher" clearly distinguishable.

Lizzie Fletcher
Member of Congress