

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1403

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fort Wayne Police Department Rapid DNA Machine Procurement in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Wayne Police Department (FWPD), located at 1 E. Main Street, Suite 108, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The funding would be used to purchase and install three rapid DNA analysis to expedite the analysis of forensic evidence collected by FWPD.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the purchase will significantly enhance the FWPD's investigative capabilities by enabling on-site DNA analysis and eliminate weeks or months of waiting for results from state or contracted labs. This rapid turnaround leads to faster suspect identification, helps eliminate innocent individuals, and improves clearance rates for time-sensitive crimes such as sexual assault and homicide.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8).

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

Sincerely,



Marlin Stutzman
Member of Congress