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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Los Angeles District Attorney's Office Digital Forensic Capacity and Technology Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, located at 211 West Temple Street, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, California 90012. The funding would be used to modernize the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office forensic infrastructure by purchasing 67 new devices, which include forensic laptops, forensic workstations, hard drives, 32 software licenses, and 6 training subscriptions. The project enhances the agency's ability to identify child offenders, rescue victims, support successful prosecutions, and provide lasting protection to the community.

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The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses the exponential growth in digital evidence associated with child exploitation investigations while improving law enforcement efficiency and victim identification outcomes. Digital forensic software and hardware are essential tools for processing seized devices, analyzing large volumes of data, and converting CyberTip reports into actionable investigations. By modernizing and expanding forensic lab capacity, this project will reduce investigative backlogs, accelerate case resolution, strengthen prosecutions, and ultimately protect vulnerable children in Los Angeles communities. Investing in technology up front prevents far greater long-term social and criminal justice costs associated with unresolved exploitation cases.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

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

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress