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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for New Mexico Department of Public Safety in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is NM Department of Public Safety DNA Outsourcing of Cases Project, located at 4491 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87507.

The funding would be for \$500,000 will be utilized to outsource DNA cases to an accredited private forensic lab. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The use of the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database since it's creation in the late 1990's has demonstrated that the more eligible DNA profiles from crime scenes entered into the database leads to more investigative leads in unsolved cases. By identifying possible sources of DNA from crime scenes in a timelier manner, individuals may be prevented from committing repeat offenses before an investigative lead is provided to law enforcement. Individuals that are identified and subsequently convicted of criminal offenses have less opportunity to recidivate and or escalate the violence.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Melanie Stansbury
Member of Congress