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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Unidentified Human Remains Forensic Genetic DNA Testing** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office**, located at 826 4th Street, Eureka, Ca 95501.

The funding would be used for advanced DNA testing, referred to as Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG), to identify 20 recovered unidentified human remains cases. These 20 cases are suitable for an off the shelf solution like FGG that will provide investigative leads so we can return these individuals to family. Once identified, many of these cases may be linked to person who have been reported as missing in the past. Traditional Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) DNA testing has failed to provide any investigative leads.

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).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because besides The combination of advanced DNA testing with police investigatory work demonstrates to the residents of the community that Law Enforcement will continue to pursue justice for every case, regardless of how many decades have passed. The most direct impact is on the families of missing, but these cases often touch the entire community.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress