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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the DNA Forensic Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fairfax County Government, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, 22035.

Project: DNA Forensic Project

Recipient: Fairfax County Government, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

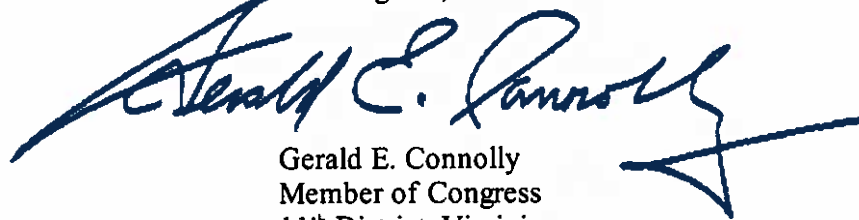
Amount: \$100,000

Background: This project would fund the procurement of a sterile wet vacuum DNA recovery system. This forensic technology has the capability to extract DNA that traditional methodologies do not. The equipment can collect DNA from both porous and non-porous surfaces and has also been successful in processing spent cartridge cases. In the past year alone, this technology has been instrumental in obtaining DNA profiles that led to the closure of two homicide investigations. As it stands, the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) spends approximately \$5,000 per case to outsource evidence to private laboratories for the use of this technology. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars, because it will give the region a forensic capability that will close active and cold cases and enhance public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Best Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia