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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Enhancing Shelby County District Attorney's Office Crime Reduction Initiative** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Shelby County District Attorney's Office**, located at **201 Poplar Avenue, 11th Floor, Memphis, TN 38103**. The funding would be used **to purchase crime lab equipment to speed processing times and allow for testing on-site**.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **the on-site equipment will greatly improve the solve rate and speed of investigations for non-fatal shootings and property crimes, including the auto theft and auto break-ins which have reached epidemic proportions in the region**.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 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.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress