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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Forensic Science Education & Training Laboratory at John Jay College in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of the City University of New York, located at 230 W 41st Street, New York, New York 10036. This project builds upon John Jay's existing expertise in forensic science programs by adding a new laboratory that will support education and training in new cutting-edge forensic technologies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the laboratory will strengthen workforce capacity serving Manhattan and New York City by modernizing the infrastructure used to prepare forensic professionals. Graduates trained in contemporary instrumentation are better positioned to meet employer expectations, reduce onboarding time, and contribute effectively within public forensic laboratories.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress