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March 17, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-307, The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bibb County Sheriff's Office Cold Case and Violent Crime Investigation Initiative in the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bibb County Sheriff's Office, which is located at 668 Oglethorpe Street, Macon, GA 31201.

The funding would be used to support the investigation and resolution of violent crime cases through advanced forensic DNA testing and modern investigative case analysis tools. This project will focus on approximately 15 homicide investigations currently within the agency's cold case backlog, as well as additional violent crime cases including sexual assaults where biological evidence has been preserved but traditional forensic testing has not produced investigative leads. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it applies proven forensic technology and investigative tools to resolve serious violent crime cases that directly impact community safety, thereby aligning directly with the Byrne JAG program's objective to support effective responses to violent crime and improve justice system outcomes.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sanford", written over a vertical line.

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress