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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2026

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 HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Forensic Science Capacity Enhancements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arizona State University, located at 300 E University Drive Ste. 345, Tempe, AZ 85281.

The requested amount of \$2,600,000 would be used to enhance forensic science education and crime scene investigation capacity at Arizona State University's West Valley campus in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because reliable forensic analysis reduces costly errors, strengthens prosecutions, and protects against wrongful outcomes that can lead to retrials and increased public expense. By training workforce-ready forensic professionals using current laboratory technology, the project reduces downstream training burdens on local agencies and strengthens recruitment pipelines for crime laboratories and investigative units.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for purposed described 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hamadeh', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Abraham J. Hamadeh  
Member of Congress