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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Clermont County Coroner Forensics Lab Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Clermont County, Ohio Coroner's Office, located at 2277 Bauer Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

The Clermont County Coroner's Office is requesting funding to make Clermont County a safer place to live, work, and play. If funded, this project would result in upgrades to crime gun intelligence, electronic forensics, and internet crimes against children investigative support.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a critical investment in public safety and law enforcement capacity in Clermont County, particularly in the face of a concerning rise in criminal activity over the past decade. This funding will be used to purchase essential analytical, digital forensics, and crime gun analysis equipment, along with the salaries of three dedicated criminalists. These resources are vital to supporting local law enforcement agencies and improving the effectiveness of investigations into violent crimes, drug overdoses, and other criminal activities that have been increasingly prevalent in the area.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

Congressman David Taylor Ohio's Second Congressional District

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