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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for the Durham Public Safety Forensic Enhancement project in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27). The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Durham, located at 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701. The funding will be used to modernize critical forensic equipment that will improve the police department's execution of crime scene documentation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these improvements will replace aging infrastructure and strengthen the Durham Police Department's ability to document, analyze, and preserve forensic evidence, resulting in improved investigative efficiency and greater support for public safety in the Durham community.

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

Sincerely,



Valerie P. Foushee
MEMBER OF CONGRESS