

2163 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2605  
DISTRICT OFFICES:  
2930 WETMORE AVENUE, SUITE 9F  
EVERETT, WA 98201  
(425) 252-3188  
119 N. COMMERCIAL STREET, SUITE 275  
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225  
(360) 733-4500  
E-Mail: Rick.Larsen@mail.house.gov  
<http://larsen.house.gov>

RICK LARSEN  
2ND DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4702

RANKING MEMBER  
COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Rapid DNA System project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, located at 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, WA, 98225. This funding would be used to enable the County Sheriff's office together with regional law enforcement agencies to obtain and utilize a Rapid DNA testing system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable these law enforcement agencies to better and more rapidly access and process DNA, in order to expedite solving crimes including missing persons cases, exonerating suspects wrongly accused, and supporting identification of disaster victims.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,



Rick Larsen  
U.S. Representative  
Washington State, Second District