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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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May 7, 2024

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Unidentified and Missing Persons Forensic Genetic Genealogy Testing Initiative Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

The funding would be used to investigate a backlog of unidentified human remains cases in Ventura County. This work is already underway and has already yielded positive results for the community. During the first quarter of 2024, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Ventura County Medical Examiner's Office have utilized advanced DNA testing to assist in the identification of four individuals and reunified their remains with their respective families.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support public safety.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress