



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2025

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UW-Madison Criminal Justice Forensic Assistance project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

University of Wisconsin-Madison
163 Bascom Hall
500 Lincoln Drive
Madison, WI 53706

The funding would support a Criminal Justice Forensic Assistance Project which improves and aids the criminal justice system through forensic analysis, DNA testing, and expert research. Each case requires countless hours searching for evidence, interview work, research, and analysis, and this funding would enable the program to take on additional cases. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because the Forensic Assistance Program can further improve the criminal justice system, increase prosecutions' accuracy, and generally help legal systems across the state enforce laws.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress