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May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Science Institute in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Central Oklahoma, located at 100 N. University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034. The funding would be used for the acquisition of new equipment used to train FBI, US Attorney's Office, and Oklahoma Tribal law enforcement officers and review Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons cases.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Forensic Science Institute supports the federal workforce through training students to work in fields related to forensic science and assisting law enforcement agencies through their cold case program. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress