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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for “**DFS Equipment to Enhance Capabilities in the Toxicology Unit**” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Delaware Division of Forensic Science**, located at **200 South Adams Street, Wilmington DE, 19801**. The funding would be used for **the acquisition of two Liquid Chromatograph Tandem Mass Spectrometer Instruments to enhance DFS’s casework capabilities and their ability to serve law enforcement partners**. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **the acquisition of this equipment will help Delaware combat the opioid crisis and will support the criminal justice system through reliable and efficient testing support for law enforcement and related partners**.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is **for activities consistent with, and supportive of, the Office of Justice Programs’ mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in 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 that reads "Lisa Blunt Rochester".

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress