

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

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Long Beach DNA Lab in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

Federal support will help establish a locally hosted DNA analysis services within the Long Beach Police Department. Funding will be used to purchase instrumentation, equipment and software that is needed to operate the LBPD DNA unit. The implementation of a dedicated DNA Unit within the LBPD is expected to enhance the department's ability to resolve cases, particularly in relation to property crimes. Currently, delays in sample testing allow delay investigations, apprehensions and prosecutions. Boosting the investigative capacity of the LBPD will make the community safer, more accurately identify suspect and bring justice to victims of crime.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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 "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress