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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Digital Forensics Unit Expansion for Enhanced Human Trafficking Intelligence in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Broward County Sheriff's Office, located at 2601 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.

The funding would be invested in the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU) at the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), which conducts critical, time-sensitive investigations of digital evidence recovered in criminal investigations. BSO has devoted significant resources to hiring qualified investigators but needs funding for workstations, software, and a cloud-based platform to improve evidence tracking and support prosecution of crimes including human trafficking and child pornography.

This project would help the DFU conduct more accurate and efficient investigations, reducing the time needed for initial review and transfer of evidence to state, local, and federal courts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 10381b) as amended by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-162).

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 "Debbie Wasserman Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress