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**The Honorable Tom Cole**  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**The Honorable Rosa DeLauro**  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Houston Forensic Science Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Houston Forensic Science Center located at 500 Jefferson St, Houston, Texas 77002. The \$500,000.00 in funding would be used to enhance digital accessibility and data integration at the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC) by converting large volumes of paper-based forensic records into searchable digital files.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it was created following Senate Bill 991 to address cases where critical forensic documentation was unavailable during trials. Forensic laboratories maintain millions of records, and the inability to efficiently retrieve them can contribute to delays, higher case costs, or potential miscarriages of justice. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 black ink, appearing to read "Christian Menefee".

Representative Christian Menefee