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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for **Cold Case Backlog Project** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Philadelphia District Attorney's Office located at 3 South Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pa 19107. The funding would be used for establishing a dedicated cold case initiative to address the backlog of cold case homicides from the 1960s through the 1990s that have not yet received the benefit of modern forensic science and technology.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because unsolved homicides greatly impact the community in measurable and immeasurable ways. Cold cases tear at the very fabric that holds society and the justice system together. When violent crimes go unsolved, the public loses faith in law enforcement and the administration of justice.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,



Dwight Evans  
Member of Congress