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Rep. Michael Guest (MS-03)
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RE: Letter of Support: Community Project Funding; Congressmen Michael Guest

Dear Congressman Guest,

Please allow this letter to serve as acknowledgment that we are aware and willing to provide support of the proposal for the Community Funding Project for Missing Persons and Unidentified Human Remains project in Mississippi.

This project requests funding to cover 1) the development of a centrally located repository for the curation of all skeletal remains and digital Unidentified Persons/Missing Persons (UP/MP) information which can be accessed by authorized and public users; and, 2) the expenses associated with Forensic Genetic Genealogical (FGG) testing of our UP cases and other forensic samples when traditional CODIS methods fail or are not an option.

We agree to provide the appropriate staff and expertise within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Forensics Laboratories to support the project, as described in the proposal. Further, our view of this project is that it enhances the services provided and quality of results to the residents of Mississippi and others.

Please contact me should there be questions.

Best regards,

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