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The Honorable David Rouzer  
US House of Representatives  
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RE: FY 2022 Commerce, Justice and Science Funding Request

Dear Congressman Rouzer:

With the announcement of Community Project Funding in the FY 2022 appropriations bills, I am writing to outline a critical opportunity to improve policing in New Hanover County and our region.

The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding for Justice and Science request for a Rapid DNA Instrument. I am writing to acknowledge my support in this funding. I believe this would be beneficial to our Community and help keep our citizens safer and lower our crime rate. This funding would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment for deputies to process DNA samples themselves with minimal training. The samples would be able to be processed quickly and can generate investigative leads in 90 minutes, as opposed to the many months (or years) it can take at the crime lab.

I am appreciative of the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office to its service to the community. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Saffo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Saffo  
Mayor