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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch,

On behalf of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the largest prosecutor organization representing 2500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States, as well as 40,000 assistant district attorneys, I write in support of S. 2348, the Rapid DNA Act of 2015. It is important that the criminal justice system stays current in the use of technology and science by law enforcement to apprehend and prosecute criminals, while also protecting the innocent.

The introduced legislation allows the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to issue standards and procedures for the use of Rapid DNA instruments. In addition, the bill authorizes criminal justice agencies to use the Rapid DNA Instrument at the booking station for CODIS enrollment, while complying with the standards and procedures issued by the FBI Director. Use of the Rapid DNA Instrument at booking may allow law enforcement to either include or exclude an arrestee as a potential suspect within two hours. This will not only aid in the timely prosecution of perpetrators but also help to exclude, and therefore free, innocent individuals.

NDAA applauds you and the other original cosponsors, Senators Feinstein, Lee and Gillibrand, for introducing the Rapid DNA Act of 2015 to aid in solving crime and protecting the innocent. We look forward to working with you and your staff in advancing this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Fitzpatrick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William Fitzpatrick  
President  
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