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The Honorable Orin Hatch
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The Honorable Mike Lee
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The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
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Dear Senators Hatch, Feinstein, Lee, and Gillibrand:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong support for of the Rapid DNA Act of 2015, S. 2348.

The IACP has been a steadfast supporter of the use of DNA technology to solve crimes that would otherwise go unsolved. As technology has evolved, the IACP has issued multiple resolutions to encourage the use of DNA analysis to identify perpetrators and also to exonerate those who are falsely accused. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 enables law enforcement to utilize Rapid DNA instrumentation at police booking stations in order to obtain DNA profiles from arrestees within two hours. This legislation follows the United States Supreme Court ruling in 2013 which stated that the taking of DNA samples from known reference samples of arrestees was reasonable and consistent with the Fourth Amendment.

This proposed legislation allows the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to issue the standards and procedures necessary for the implementation of Rapid DNA instruments, including changes to allow DNA profiles to be entered and searched in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), a hierarchical system of DNA indexes that can be searched to produce DNA matches.

As science and technology evolves, law enforcement needs to be able to benefit from these advances. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 takes the next step forward to make all of our communities a safer place.

On behalf of our over 25,000 members, we applaud you for introducing this important legislation. The IACP looks forward to working with you to ensure enactment of the Rapid DNA Act of 2015.

Thank you again for your efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Terrence Cunningham

President

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