



Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies

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The Honorable Orin Hatch
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Lee
United States Senate
361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Hatch, Feinstein, Lee and Gillibrand:

On behalf of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), I am writing to express our staunch support for the Rapid DNA Act of 2015, S. 2348.

ASCIA has been and will continue to be a strong advocate for the use of DNA technology to solve crimes. As part of the mission of our association, we encourage the open sharing of innovative ideas to improve public safety along with collaboration and development of strategic policies on significant national and regional issues affecting state level investigative agencies. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 authorizes state law enforcement agencies to utilize Rapid DNA instrumentation at the time of booking in order to obtain DNA profiles from known samples from arrestees within two hours. This legislation will have an extensive, positive impact on our agencies' ability to quickly identify perpetrators of crime and make the necessary arrests.

This legislation is in line with the United States Supreme Court ruling in 2013 that confirmed that the taking of DNA samples from arrestees was both reasonable and consistent with the Fourth Amendment. In addition, this legislation allows the Director of the FBI to issue standards and procedures enabling the implementation of Rapid DNA instrumentation, including revisions that will be necessary allowing DNA profiles to be entered and searched in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

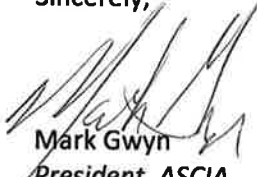
ASCIA currently has 42 state agencies as active members of our organization. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 is critical legislation that will greatly assist our state law enforcement agencies to improve public safety. On behalf of our membership, we thank you for introducing and

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continuing your work on this significant legislation. We look forward to working directly with you to ensure enactment of the Rapid DNA Act of 2015.

Sincerely,



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Director, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

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