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The Honorable Senator John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn,

We are writing to express our support for your preservation of forensic evidence in natural disasters legislation.

All too often the matter of preserving this evidence is overlooked, and this can later hinder or complicate forensic investigations (e.g., identification of decedents) and various legal proceedings. Appropriate preservation of evidence gives forensic and death investigators the best opportunity to address future questions that may arise and apply novel techniques and technology for testing that were not available during the initial investigation.

The ability to work with the Department of Justice developing the guidance for best practice is a task our membership looks forward to participating in. Again, thank you for your support and consideration of the forensic science community. We appreciate all of your efforts on our behalf.

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