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August 8, 2016

Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Speaker Ryan,

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) would like to express its support for H.R. 320 (Sponsor: Rep Jim Sensenbrenner, R-WI) "Rapid DNA Act of 2016."

The Rapid DNA Act will benefit innocent suspects by enabling speedy exoneration while ensuring that people connected to unsolved crimes through DNA are not released on bail due to delays in testing. This will not only help Law Enforcement Agencies allocate their investigative resources more efficiently, it will also protect innocent members of the community from further victimization by repeat offenders.

Florida has long been a leader in the use of DNA for criminal investigations. As such, our state's law enforcement agencies are keenly aware of the vital role DNA plays in solving crimes, and support any measures which further enhance the utility of DNA.

It is our understanding that H.R.320 has completed House Judiciary Committee mark-up and that the companion bill, S.2348, has passed the U.S. Senate. On behalf of the 900 plus law enforcement members the FPCA represents, we would like to thank you in advance for anything you can do to ensure that this legislation is brought to a vote on the House floor at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Amy Mercer at 850-219-3631 or [amercer@fpca.com](mailto:amercer@fpca.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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