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To whom it may concern:

This letter is intended to clarify the commitment the Washington State Patrol (WSP) has in clearing our state's sexual assault kit backlog.

The WSP recognizes the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of sexual assault and is dedicated to the forensic analysis and tracking of all sexual assault kits.

The WSP's commitment towards the forensic analysis and tracking of sexual assault kits includes all untested sexual assault kits collected prior to July 24, 2015, as provided by RCW 43.330.470, and all untested sexual assault kits collected on or after July 24, 2015, as provided by RCW 70.125.090.

The WSP is devoted to entering newly submitted and backlogged sexual assault kits into the Washington State Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System. As a result of the tracking system pilot, there are currently 658 registered users with full statewide implementation to be completed October 2018.

In addition to the analysis and tracking of sexual assault kits, the WSP is committed to working with our state's legislators and other stakeholders to develop additional legislation aimed at supporting these initiatives and bringing justice to survivors of sexual assault.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Monica Alexander, Government and Media Relations, at (360) 596-4010.

Sincerely,

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