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I cannot over emphasize how important the Lake County Crime Laboratory is to Lake County law enforcement. The Lake County Crime Laboratory is a full service ASCLD/Lab- International Accredited Laboratory. This means that our laboratory conducts itself at the highest international standards. A number of our scientists are recognized throughout the country as forensic leaders. Four of our scientists inspect laboratories throughout the United States and even in foreign countries as part of the ASCLD/Lab-International inspection team. The laboratory is Lake County's most important crime fighting tool.

An additional .5 mill levy is necessary to keep the laboratory operating at a level that will continue to support the needs of Lake County Law Enforcement and to keep our community safe from crime.

MURDER, RAPE, ARSON, DRUGS- the reason we need to keep the Lake County Crime Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted,

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