



Today, we are proud to announce the launch of [The Accountability Project](#), an initiative of our [ENDTHEBACKLOG](#) program to uncover whether there are rape kit backlogs in major cities across the country.

To begin this project, we are examining 15 of the biggest cities that have yet to reveal if they have untested rape kits in their police storage facilities. Our work—and the first four cities from which we've received information—will be highlighted by *CBS Evening News* tonight and *CBS This Morning* tomorrow.



**Tune in.**

CBS will be releasing information gleaned from our efforts, as well as the results of its own investigative reporting, in a major report tonight and tomorrow. Tune in or set your recorders to your local CBS station tonight (*CBS Evening News*) and tomorrow morning (*CBS This Morning*) to learn about the first results from the cities in our project.



**Share.**

One of the greatest barriers to ending the backlog is that people simply don't know it exists. Help spread the word about our work on The Accountability Project. [Share this tweet](#), forward this email and share the link to our project on your networks.



**Write to your elected officials.**

Our leadership in the federal government and our state capitols need to hear from us—their constituents—about the value of tracking and testing rape kits and giving law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to fully investigate these crimes and support survivors throughout the process. [Sending your letters takes just a moment, so take action today.](#)

When the extent of a jurisdiction's backlog is revealed, real reform can begin. We are excited and eager for this project to bring greater transparency, awareness and yes—accountability—to rape kit practices nationwide.

With gratitude,

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