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The Honorable Stacey Eads
District Attorney
Humboldt County District Attorney's Office
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Fiscal Year 2024-25

Dear District Attorney Eads:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **Humboldt County** has been awarded **\$81,580** for this important Program. This grant award shall be used for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation for this Program is based on projected revenues, including the amount of restitution collected. Grant disbursements are contingent on actual revenues; therefore, if the amount of revenue collected is less than the projected amount, grant disbursements to counties will be adjusted accordingly.

It is my continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate automobile insurance fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud committed by individuals, businesses, providers, and others who prey upon the system. Additionally, a coordinated and aggressive outreach program to all communities by your office, including to diverse and underserved communities, with measurable outcomes remains a priority of mine.

Please feel free to contact Victoria Martinez, CDI Deputy Chief, Fraud Division, at (323) 278-5000 should you have any questions regarding your award. The Local Assistance Unit will reach out to you regarding your budget approvals in the post award system.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding and, moreover, congratulations on your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Kyla Baxley, Chief Investigator

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