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

**RE: Grant Award for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2020-21 Additional Funding**

Dear District Attorney Fleming:

I am pleased to report that there is a Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Year-End Balance in the Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds available to distribute to participating District Attorney Offices. We are proceeding with a disbursement of an additional **\$362,984** of which an additional **\$2,583** will be awarded to **Humboldt County** for this important Program. This additional grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

It is Commissioner Lara's continuing intent that these funds be used effectively to pursue and investigate fraud across California. It is also important to focus these finite resources on combating fraud that continues to increase costs on the workers' compensation system, including medical provider insurance fraud, employer premium fraud, insider fraud, and claimant fraud, among others. 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.

Please feel free to contact Eric Charlick, Fraud Division Chief, (559) 440-5922 should you have any questions regarding your award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

George Mueller
Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Branch

cc: Mr. Wayne Cox, District Attorney Chief Investigator