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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 22, 2020

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 2020-2021

Dear District Attorney Fleming:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, $45,889,371 is available in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to 36 District Attorney Offices representing 46 counties, of which **Humboldt County** has been awarded **$240,231** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

The decision to grant these funds was made by my Department staff, in consultation with the California Fraud Assessment Commission. Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with consideration given to the goals and objectives set by me and the Fraud Assessment Commission earlier this year.

It is my 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.

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

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Wayne Cox, District Attorney Chief Investigator