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CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

August 20, 2019

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

**RE: Grant Award for Automobile Insurance Fraud
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Dear District Attorney Fleming:

I am very pleased to report that, for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, \$15,259,000 is available in Automobile Insurance Fraud Program (Program) grant funds to distribute to 34 District Attorney Offices, of which **Humboldt County** has been awarded **\$77,033** for this important Program. This grant award is to be used for the investigation and prosecution of Automobile insurance fraud.

The appropriation 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.

Each application received for grant funding was thoroughly reviewed, with consideration given to the goals and objectives set by me 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 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. As such, I have tasked the Department's Fraud Division with developing improved methods to track and measure your proposed outreach efforts and I invite you and your office to work with them towards this goal.

Thank you for submitting your application for grant funding. Please feel free to contact Assistant Chief Shawn Conner at (858) 693-7108 if you want to discuss your application and award. I look forward to working together with you in our continuing pursuit against automobile insurance fraud.

Sincerely,

RICARDO LARA
Insurance Commissioner

cc: Mr. Wayne Cox, Chief Investigator

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